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THE TEMPORAL POWER

The Failure of the Conference to Result in the Maintenance of the September Convention.

PARIS, Wednesday, Dec. 4—Evening.

In the Corps Legislatif to-day, the Marquis DE MOUSTIER, Minister of Foreign Affairs, said that the meeting of the General Conference which France had invited was uncertain. Should it not take place, the Government of France would be compelled to exact of Italy a literal observance of the obligations of the September Convention.

The debate on the Italian expedition in the French Legislative Body was continued yesterday. On the Liberal side MM. SIMON and GUEROULT made speeches, in which they attacked the Italian policy of the Government, and condemned intervention.

The Austrian-Reichsrath and the Concordat.

VIENNA, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Count CRIVELLI, the Envoy of Austria to Rome, has notified the Pope that the legislation of the Reichsrath must proceed on its course, even in antagonism to the Concordat, should the Holy Father refuse to release the Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH from the obligations of a treaty made before he became a constitutional monarch.

Baron VON BEUST, in recent dispatches, urges the meeting of the European Conference without a programme, so that each power may be free to act.

ITALY.

Warlike Preparations—Political Arrests.

FLORENCE, Wednesday, Dec. 4—Evening.

The Italian War Office has ordered 300,000 Chassepot rifles.

Many arrests for political reasons have recently been made by the order of the Government in different parts of the Kingdom.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Alabama Claims—Lord Stanley's Latest Dispatch on the Subject.

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

A second installment of the correspondence between the British and American Governments, in regard to the *Alabama* claims, has been laid before the House of Commons by the Foreign Office.

Lord STANLEY in a dispatch to Mr. FORD, the present *Charge d'Affaires* at Washington, says England will never consent to submit to the arbitration of a foreign Power claims involving her right to recognize beligerents. This right, he insists, is purely a question of English law. He repeats his offer to submit to arbitration the *Alabama* claims, and to refer all other demands for indemnity to the decision of a mixed commission.

The Strike of the London Cabmen at an End—Arrival of Minister Thornton.

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 4—Evening,

The strike of the cabmen has come to an end. The Government has yielded and the operation of the obnoxious law has been suspended.

EDWARD THORNTON, late Minister to Brazil, and recently appointed Ambassador to the United States, arrived here to-day from Rio Janeiro.

Further Amendments to the Cable Tariff.

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

A still further concession to the public has been decided upon by the telegraph companies, as follows:

From and after midnight of Dec. 4, five words for address, date and signature, heretofore accepted without charge, but subject to limitation as to letters, will hereafter be forwarded irrespective of the number of letters they contain, provided the privilege is not abused.

Telegraphic Communication with India Resumed.

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 4—Evening.

Telegraphic communication in India, which was interrupted by the cyclone, has been restored.

ABYSSINIA.

Reported Execution of the Captives of Theodorus.

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

A telegram received from Bombay gives a rumor that THEODORUS, the King of Abyssinia, had ordered the English prisoners in his custody to be executed. Happily, however, the rumor needs confirmation.

INDIA.

Disastrous Effects of the Cyclone.

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Further particulars of the disastrous cyclone which recently occurred in India, have been received here. At Calcutta the loss of life and property was fearful. It is estimated that in that city and neighborhood alone 1,000 persons perished. Thirty thousand huts and habitations were utterly destroyed.

PRUSSIA.

Resignation of the Minister of Justice.

BERLIN, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The Prussian Minister of Justice, Count VON LIPPE, has resigned. It is said that LEONHARDT will be appointed his successor.

BRAZIL.

Formidable Revolt in Paysanda.

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 4—Evening.

The mail steamer which arrived here to-day from Rio Janeiro brings the report that a formidable revolt had broken out in Paysanda.

Wreck of the Schooner Hastings on Lake Ontario.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Capt. RITSON, of the propeller *Michigan*, from Ogdensburgh for this port, reports that he passed the wreck of a vessel midway between this port and the Galoo Island, which is supposed to be the schooner *Hastings*, which foundered in the late gale with all on board.

The weather is very cold.

Affairs in Canada—Proceedings in the House of Commons.

OTTAWA, Canada, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The bill to amend the acts incorporating the Commercial Bank has passed through the Committee of the Whole in the House of Commons. By evidence given before the Committee, the bank was shown to be perfectly solvent, and, it is probable, will resume business by amalgamating with the Merchants' Bank of Montreal.

A delegation of Montreal merchants have arrived here to look after their interests in connection with the proposed changes in the tariff. It is understood that the excise duty on spirits will not be altered. A slight reduction will be made in the duties on tea, sugar, molasses and coffee. Manufactured goods, such as cotton and other fabrics, will not be subject to any change.

QUEBEC, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The inquest on the body of FRANCHERE, killed at Chambly, has terminated. A verdict of murder was returned against Madame DEMERS and daughters. The evidence shows they struck him in the head with a poker, and subsequently finding life extinct, threw his body into the river.

The ship *Stape* foundered off Basque Island on the 2d inst. When her crew abandoned her she had twelve feet of water in her hold.

The steamer *St. Andrew* attempted to come up from St. David yesterday, but was obliged to put back on account of the ice.

OTTAWA, Canada, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Mr. WADDINGTON, a resident of Vancouvers Island, is here to promote the scheme of opening up communication, overland, with British Columbia. It is proposed to open a line of land and water carriage from the head of Lake Superior to the Pacific Ocean. This, it is shown, can be accomplished at a moderate expenditure. Mr. WADDINGTON is seeking encouragement from the Canadian Government prior to his departure for England, where he hopes the scheme will be favorably received.

PORT COLBORNE, Canada, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The propellers *Ocean* and *Cleveland* left this morning for Cleveland. They had been weather-bound.

The bark *Cavalier*, brig *N. C. Ford*, and schooner *Thornton* have gone into Winter quarters here.

The canal was frozen over slightly last night. The weather is milder to-day.

The Virginia Reconstruction Convention.

RICHMOND, Va., Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The Convention this morning elected Judge UNDERWOOD, President; GEORGE NYE, of Shenandoah, Secretary; WM. R. FALL, of Richmond, Sergeant-at-Arms, and one white and two colored doorkeepers. Rev. Mr. MITCHELL, of Richmond, was elected Chaplain. The vote on President gave sixty-five for UNDERWOOD and thirty-two for NELSON, who was the candidate of the Conservatives. Judge UNDERWOOD, on taking the chair, said he hoped the deliberations would be characterized with Christian charity for all, and as much forgiveness and forgetfulness of past injuries as is consistent with future safety. He hoped the Constitution to be framed would be humane and equal to all; preventing crime and promoting education; removing unequal taxation, and compel every citizen to contribute to the necessities of the State in proportion to the value of his property. He also hoped a homestead exemption law would be passed. Chaplain MITCHELL, in his opening prayer, prayed for ex-Confederates as well as loyal men.

Gen. SCHOFIELD sent a communication to the Convention sending them all appeals which had been made to him in cases of contested seats, including those of the Richmond delegation, all of which were submitted to the Convention for its action.

The galleries and aisles are densely crowded with blacks, among whom are a few whites.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

This afternoon the Convention only appointed the Committee on Rules, and elected W. H. SAMPLES, of Baltimore, stenographer to the body. A rule was adopted to draw for seats, which the Conservatives, who were sitting together, opposed, but did not defeat. The Committee which waited on Gen. SCHOFIELD reported that he had given them some advice, and he would be glad to see the members who wished to consult with him.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow.

Reinstatement of Civil Officers by Gen. Hancock—The Constitutional Convention.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Paragraph 2, of Special Orders No. 302, Headquarters Fifth Military District, dated to-day, is as follows:

"Paragraph 3 of Special Orders No. 188, from these Headquarters, dated Nov. 16, 1867, issued by Major Gen. MOWER, removing P. B. O'BORKE, Clerk of the Second District Court of the Parish of Orleans, for malfeasance in office, and appointing R. L. SHELLEY in his place, is hereby revoked, and P. B. O'BORKE is reinstated in office. If any charges are set up against the said BORKE, the Judicial Department of the Government is sufficient to take whatever action may be necessary in the premises."

Paragraph 1 of the same order suspends that portion of Order No. 201, ordering Gen. MOWER to join his regiment, and says Gen. MOWER will remain in New-Orleans awaiting further orders.

Paragraph 2 of Special Order No. 202, orders the adjudication of the making of levees on certain plantations in the Parishes of St. Charles and Jefferson, to the lowest bidder by Lieut.-Col. MCGONNIGLE, A. Q. M., on the 10th inst., the work to be completed in time and manner to protect the plantations from overflow, and the lands with the improvements thereon are to be subject to a special lien and privilege for cost of making said levees on them respectively, and that the ordinary formation presented by law for the adjudication of said work be dispensed with.

The Constitutional Convention to-day passed a resolution fixing the pay of members at ten dollars per day and mileage at twenty cents each way, and elected a colored warrant clerk.

Negro Difficulties in Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Alarming excesses have recently been committed by blacks in Bullock County, in the neighborhood of Perote. The colored loyal leagues organized and resisted processes of the civil authorities. Under instructions from colored emissaries they formed a code of laws, opened a court, officered and organized it, arrested by night all blacks who opposed their unlawful proceedings, and carried the punishment so far that their victims applied to the civil authorities for protection. The black Sheriff and his deputy were finally arrested, but other insurrectionary leaders organized negroes and made armed resistance. Aid from other Leagues was summoned and blacks flocked to Union Springs threatening a general rising, the extermination of whites and the taking possession of the country. Black leaders went to plantations and forced laborers to join them for vengeance, showing pretended orders from Gen. SWAYNE that they had a right to kill all resisting their authority. During the excitement, the negro church at Perote was burned by unknown parties—it is alleged by black leaguers, to inflame the negroes. The whites universally regret it; the white citizens organized for protection. Gen. SWAYNE was appealed to and sent a detachment of troops promptly to the scene of troubles to restore order. Fifteen black insurrectionists have been arrested and lodged in jail to be tried by civil authority. At last accounts order was restored and all was quiet.

The Georgia Conservative State Convention.

MACON, Ga., Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The trains brought large numbers of delegates to this city this evening. Most of the hotels are full, and the prospect is good for a large Convention. The southwestern portion of the State is largely represented.

SAVANNAH, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

At a meeting of conservative citizens last evening, Geo. A. Meyer, W. F. Thompson, C. B. Richardson, J. T. Claghorn and R. D. Arnold were chosen delegates to the Macon Convention.

The Canals—Navigation Suspended at Utica on Account of Ice.

UTICA, N. Y., Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Canal navigation is entirely suspended. No boats have passed here since Sunday. Several Buffalo forwarders are here, and have telegraphed for a steamtug from Oswego.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Wednesday, Dec. 4.

There are about one hundred boats on the Schenectady level, bound for tide-water. The anchor ice in the canal is heavy and is accumulating, with the mercury twenty degrees above zero, and causes much difficulty at the locks. Every effort is being made by the canal authorites to facilitate navigation. Boats are passing here at the present writing. The locks at the upper aqueduct are in full operation, but are locking slow in consequence of the ice.

Whisky Seizure in St. Louis—Kansas and Pacific Railroad.

ST. LOUIS, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

One hundred barrels of whisky from some point above here were seized on the levee to-day by the United States Marshal.

The Kansas and Pacific Railway Company have received the bonds from the Government for the section of the road accepted by the Commissioner on the 29th ult., and to-day they applied for Commissioners to inspect another section of twenty miles, extending to the 325 mile post.

Alabama Reconstruction Convention.

MONTGOMERY, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

In the Reconstruction Convention, to-day, the Committee on the subject reported the Constitution to the Convention, and it was considered article by article. Various amendments were proposed, consuming the whole day.

There will be at least fifteen or twenty votes in the Convention against the Constitution on the final vote.

Colored Jurors and Officeholders in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Wednesday, Dec. 4.

A bill was introduced into the House to-day, and passed to a second reading, repealing all laws disqualifying colored persons from sitting on juries or holding office. The vote stood 59 to 25.

Sailing of the Great Republic from San Francisco—The California Legislature.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The Pacific mail steamship *Great Republic*, for Hong Kong and Yokohama, sailed to-day with a large number of passengers, $1,360,000 in treasure, and freight valued at $325,000.

The Senate to-day confirmed Gov. LOW's appointees to the principal State offices.

The Assembly granted the use of its Chamber for a meeting of Fenians to express indignation and sorrow at the Manchester executions.

Arrived, barks *Prof. Airey*, from Glasgow; *Wealth of Nations*, from Mavilla; *Comrade*, from Callao.

Eastern butter quiet at 35c.@37½c. Flour steady at $7 50@$8. Wheat firm at $2 60@$2 65. Legal tenders, 73¼.

The Time for Closing the Canals.

BUFFALO, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

On account of the immense amount of property afloat on the canal between this point and tidewater, the Buffalo Board of Trade has petitioned the Canal Board to extend the time for closing the canal, so as to enable boats on them passage to reach their destination.

Walking Match in Connecticut.

NEW-LONDON, Conn., Wednesday, Dec. 4.

A walking match for $200 a side, from Norwich to New-London, between C. C. BRAND, Jr., of the former, and A. H. CHAPPELL, of the latter place, came off to-day, and was won by CHAPPELL, making the distance—fourteen miles—in two hours, fifteen minutes and thirty-seven seconds.

Commercial Failure in Binghamton.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Wednesday, Dec. 4.

STEARNS & Co., manufacturers of soap and candles in this city, have failed and made an assignment. The obligations are nearly $20,000. Their creditors will probably sustain but little loss.

FOREIGN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP CHINA'S MAILS.

The mails of the steamship *China*, which reached Boston Tuesday, were received in this City yesterday. Our latest files and correspondence are dated London, Nov. 23, and Queenstown, Nov. 24.

THE MANCHESTER FENIANS.

Execution of Allen, Larkin and Gould—Sympathy for the Condemned Men—Preliminaries of the Execution—Scenes at the Scaffold.

From our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 23.

The vain efforts to save the condemned Fenians increased from day to day up to last night, when all hope was abandoned. The Bishops of Ireland sent a memorial to the Government. The English Reform League sent one by the hands of Mr. GLADSTONE. There have been open air meetings at Clerkenwell, and meetings in the public halls of London. Great meetings and memorials signed by thousands at Manchester. At Birmingham a meeting is invaded by no-Popery rioters, who cry "death to the Fenians," and amuse themselves afterward by breaking the windows of a Ritualist church. The counsel for the prisoners have moved in vain for a hearing on the legal points of the case. The Judges were inflexible; the Government, sustained by a large majority in Parliament and by the Press with few exceptions, was firm. One of the four left after the pardon of MAGUIRE was respited, because he was not proved to have been armed, and was arrested at a distance from the scene of conflict. This was CONDON, *alias* Shore, who may probably be sent for five or ten years to penal servitude.

If among the prisoners taken by the Papal forces there had been, as there may have been—as, in fact, there were—a few Englishmen, and they were tried and sentenced to death, as the *Pall Mall Gazette* says they justly might be, what would the English Press and English Parliament say about it? The *Times* says the Fenians have shown courage in the Manchester rescue. They knew the risk they ran, now let them take the consequences. A policeman was shot; three Fenians will be hanged. It is the fortune of war. I have no doubt the poor fellows took this view of the case, and have died sustained by the same enthusiasm they manifested when sentenced to death. They have died amid the prayers of many thousands of their countrymen, with the sympathy even of thousands of Englishmen, with a great crowd filling all the streets around them, and an immense force, civil and military, to insure their execution. And what then? From that hour they are enshrined as martyrs in the hearts of millions. Is it possible for a Government to put a man to a worse use than to hang him under such circumstances?

Yesterday morning it was announced that a respite had been granted to one of the condemned—SHORE, *alias* Condon, one of the two Americans. Here, then, out of twenty-six indicted for murder on the same testimony, five were convicted; and of these five one is pardoned and restored to the service, and another respited from doubts of his guilt. CALCRAFT went to Manchester on Thursday night. Very strong barriers were put up. Masses of people gathered about the jail. But Manchester is not entirely in favor of the execution. A memorial signed by more than seventeen thousand persons was sent on Thursday night to the Home Secretary. A great meeting filled the Corn Exchange, and sent a unanimous appeal for mercy by the night mail. The same night a meeting, estimated at five thousand to ten thousand, (some double and treble these numbers,) was held in Clerkenwell Green in London. The International Workingmen's Council has sent a memorial signed by the Secretaries for America, France, Germany, &c.

In the House of Commons, on Thursday evening, an urgent appeal was made to the Home Secretary by Mr. MAGUIRE, Mr. FAWCETT and others to grant at least a stay of execution on legal grounds; but Justice BLACKBURN has decided, and it would not do to question his decision.

Yesterday's *Star* has a poem which fills a column—"An Appeal to England," by A. C. SWINBURNE. I give you a few lines of it:

> "Freeman he is not, but slave,
> Whose, in fear for the State,
> Cries for surety of blood.
> Help of gibbet and grave;
> Neither is any land great
> Whom, in her fear-stricken mood,
> These things only can save.
>
> Lo, how fair from afar,
> Tainless of tyranny, stands
> Thy mighty daughter, for years,
> Who trod the wine-press of war;
> Shines with immaculate hands;
> Slays not a foe, neither fears;
> Stains not peace with a scar."

In most of the meetings called to ask the Government to commute the sentences of the Fenians, there have been order and unanimity. Birmingham is an exception. On Thursday night a meeting was attempted to be held by the Murphyites, who would hang any number of persons for being Papists merely, but the ground was occupied by the police. Disappointed in their amiable intentions, they divided into several bands under leaders, went shouting through the Irish quarters of the town, visited a convent and several Catholic and one Ritualist place of worship, and smashed the windows of the Roman Catholic Cathedral. The Irish turned out some hundreds strong, armed with staves, and aided the Police to guard their dwellings from destruction. The shops were closed, and the town was in terror of the mob for some hours.

At the Clerkenwell meeting it was resolved that in case the Fenians were hanged, there should be a funeral procession to Hyde Park to-morrow, Sunday, banners craped, men in mourning weeds, bands playing the *Dead March in Saul*. At the park there will be funeral orations by English and Scotch, as well as Irish speakers, who either avow themselves Fenians in principle, or declare that if they were Irishmen they would be Fenians. The *Times*, in view of the outrages committed by the no Popery mob in Birmingham, again warns the Irish of the vengeance that English mobs may inflict upon them; but is evident that the Irish are not alone in this matter, but that they have in London and many places, wherever, in fact, the religious question is not agitated, the strong sympathy of great numbers of English Radicals. Why not, when the principles of the two parties are almost identical? The language of the *Times*, in its warning to the Irish, is remarkable. They are not addressed as fellow-citizens of a common country, and the political equals of the English. They are treated as "aliens in blood and religion," strangers enjoying English hospitality.

"Irishmen," says the *Times*, "are now hospitably received in England, and the old prejudices have been gradually dying out, but it is quite possible that they might be fanned into such a flame that Irishmen would scarcely find a home among us." So far, then, from this being a real union between England and Ireland, the Irish in England are here on sufferance, and receive hospitality or outrage, according as Mr. Bull may be good or ill-natured. If such is the connection between the two islands, it might be as well to cut it altogether.

As a last effort, a delegation from the Clerkenwell meeting went to Windsor on Friday to present a memorial to the Queen. They were politely informed that such a course was impossible; all memorials must be sent to the Home Secretary. The Sovereign in England no longer signs death-warrants or exercises the pardoning power. The Queen has no more to do with the matter than the humblest of her subjects; not so much, for they can sign a petition for pardon. A crowd gathered about the Castle gates, which increased by several hundreds, who hissed and groaned at the delegation, and might have treated them with violence but for the Mayor and Police, who protected them to the railway station and got them off by the first train. Some of those engaged in this disreputable affair are said to be servants at the Castle.

As an evidence that sympathy with the condemned Fenians is felt in the higher circles as well as the lower, I may point to the fact that the Dowager Duchess of Queensberry has sent £100 to the family—wife and four little children—of LARKIN, with a most feeling letter of Christian consolation to all the prisoners, in which she undertakes to provide for their families.

The details of the execution itself I quote from the *Pall Mall Gazette*, whose telegraphic report is dated from Manchester, at 9 o'clock this morning. The writer says:

"The melancholy business of the day here has been accomplished—very impressively. Manchester was unusually quiet last night; the whole city seemed oppressed by the seriousness of the event so soon to be fulfilled. Nor were there many people in the streets till 7 o'clock this morning, when dense crowds began to gather—almost all the mill hands losing a quarter of a day's work to see what the whole country was anxiously thinking about. These crowds—obviously very much excited, but tolerably orderly—did not show any preponderance of Irishmen; I was told, indeed, that the priests had put their influence to a very wise and worthy use in urging the Irish to remain away. For the mob there was no chance of approaching the scaffold. It was surrounded by the Police, and by nearly 2,000 special constables. These latter were for the most part volunteers, who, however, did not commit the blunder of appearing in uniform. One of the results of this arrangement was that the audience of the miserable men was altogether composed of those who were arrayed in the cause of order. Beside these constables, 120 Highlanders were posted with in the jail, with thirty artillerymen and two guns, and there were soldiers in the neighboring warehouses and the railway goods station. There were, of course, a good many spectators at the windows; they were watched with great suspicion, and their names taken down.

The spectators in the streets saw little. In the first place the distance from the ends of the streets to the scaffold was considerable, and a mist surrounded it—a mist which at first appeared in puffs, and suggested fog on a fire. This mist, thickening, spread like a curtain between the scaffold and the people, and screened the latter from the great masses, and sent up a hoarse murmur of disappointment, not unnatural, but very unpleasant to hear. But at the last moment, almost, the mist lifted.

The prisoners expected a respite to the last minute, and when they were told there was no hope of respite, declared that they died martyrs. They passed upon the scaffold with great dignity; after it had sounded, the officials who attended them looking very anxious. The execution had particular reason for a little anxiety—he had received a threatening letter. Three priests, in their robes, attended the prisoners, reciting the last prayers, to which GOULD responded most earnestly. The other two were less self-possessed. GOUED shuffled towards ALLEN, shook hands with him, and kissed the priest. LARKIN fainted and fell forward at the last moment; and after the drop fell struggled for some time. When all was over the priest remained praying.

All this while the crowd was quiet, and, indeed, seemed hardly to distinguish the moment at which the unhappy men were dispatched out of the world.

The following is a copy of the threatening letter addressed to the hangman CALCRAFT; it was sent to the jail last night:

"SIR: If you hang any of the gentlemen condemned to death at the New Bailey Prison it will be worse for you. You will not survive afterward."

CALCRAFT upon reading this epistle wrote as follows to the visiting justices: "I have received the inclosed letter. It seems a serious job. I hope you will look after it, and that I shall get safe home again."

No execution ever passed off more quietly. As we have said already, the streets were almost deserted. All was dead silence and stillness in the main thoroughfares for several hours on either side of midnight; the only crowd observable was the cluster of special constables in the space directly in front of the scaffold. The more well-disposed inhabitants of both boroughs yielded a wise obedience to the request made by the Mayors of Manchester and Salford.

MONADNOCK.

AMERICAN TOPICS.

Views of the British Press in Reference to Reconstruction.

From the London Times, Nov. 23.

The great and standing difficulty of the reconstruction question in America lies in the construction of the Legislative Houses. It may be hoped that after a time it will be understood that the Congress is free to admit the States still out of the Union on such terms as may appear politic, *apart altogether from the conditions of federation which existed before the war.* Indeed, so much is already understood by many, and will manifestly soon be recognized by all. But it is impossible under the present organization to obtain a House of Representatives which shall represent the wisdom, the intelligence, or the relative power of the great parties of the Union. The majority in it swings to and fro, now possessed by one party and now by another, and the faction which for a time obtains the possession of power is deceived by an appearance of strength which does not exist. The Republican Party have since the beginning of the war been supreme. The imprudence of President JOHNSON in the Autumn or last year gave them *a power which threatens to prove their ruin.* They have set on foot a reconstruction movement in the South, but before it has produced any effect they are themselves deserted by popular support. It appears to be beyond the sagacity of the wisest in America to conjecture what will come next. The adoption of a more revolutionary programme by the Republican Party during the remainder of their tenure of a majority is the expectation of one, while a speedy return of the Democrats to power is the dream of another. The Democratic Party, however, obviously owe their recent victories to the mere sentiment of action against Republican excesses, and *they have themselves no definite policy capable of sustaining pretensions to power.* The more probable course appears to be that the moderate Republicans will free themselves from the disastrous leadership under which they have suffered, and, *in alliance with the best men now in office, and under the Presidency of some candidate, of practical wisdom, such as Gen. Grant,* will offer terms of reconstruction which may admit all the members of the nation to participation in its political life without risking the results of the great war.

The Relations of Canada and the United States.

From the London Times, Nov. 23.

States have perished like young men, in the fire of youth, in their prosperity, their self-confidence, their pride and their passion. The Canadian Confederation need not perish thus. The freer and less binding relations sometimes last the longest. Neighbors continue neighbors when love has expired, under the bonds of necessity and duty. Men of the world sometimes say, cynically perhaps, that on the whole they have got on best with those they neither loved nor hated. The example of Europe proves that great Powers do not necessarily absorb their weak neighbors *even when both their interests and their prejudices are concerned.* Spain has its Portugal, France its Belgium, and, in spite of its being the only condition of national greatness and political power, Germany is only now accomplishing her own union. *It may practically remain for centuries a matter of indifference to the United States whether they push their rule further north* so long as they have on that side a friendly, quiet and perfectly unambitious Power, under the best possible inducement to keep the peace. The outlying portion of their own population are their worst scandals and greatest anxieties. There is room for both "dominions." It will be long before American enterprise has exhausted the immense resources of its own more fertile soil and its own more genial climate, and finds itself driven across the border. Canadian life has no special attraction to the restless and go-ahead citizen. The differences that exist do not diminish, but rather grow, and while there are no material or political reasons for annexation, incompatibility increases, and a time may come when the Union will no more wish to absorb Canada than France would Germany. Thus far *the sense of superiority tells against the thought of annexation.* The Americans look down on the Canadians, and can hardly imagine themselves ever on the same level. Thus there is no antagonism fostered or mutual animosity. What time may grow into none can venture to say, but such a feeling, mutual perhaps, must increase, and is consistent with the most amicable relations. Climate itself will contribute to the growing differences of national character. When two neighbors draw into themselves, and attract to their respective centres, the one all the elements of the fiery South, and the other these of the icy North—when the one includes the tropics and the other the arctic regions, there must be continual divergence, proceeding till fusion be impossible, and *no union possible but that of material force.*

THE FRENCH EMPIRE.

Summary of the Official Blue Book.

The official Blue Book, containing the *exposé* of the affairs of the French Empire since the last session, was distributed Nov. 22 to the members of the Chambers. The following is a summary of its contents:

"The Government congratulates the country upon the execution of the Treaty of London relating to Luxemburg. This arrangement paves the way for the reconstruction of the European balance of power upon the only true basis for the maintenance of peace.

The revolutionary party in Italy perceived with uneasiness that the September Convention bore fruit in the settlement of sundry questions which improved the relations of Italy and the Holy See, and held forth the prospect of that task of gradual appeasement which time alone could render fertile.

So far back as January last we notified to the Italian Government that preparations were being made upon the Roman frontier, and at the period when the Ratazzi Ministry came into power we redoubled our warnings. We received positive assurances, but regret that we did not see preventive measures adopted against the avowed organizers of invasion. Military measures were taken upon the frontiers, but they were insufficient; and the Cabinet of Florence announced that it believed the entry of its troops into the Pontifical territory would be necessary in order to restore order. We were obliged to warn Italy that we should be instantly compelled to intervene."

The Blue Book then reviews the history of GARIBALDI'S escape and his entrance into the Pontifical States, and continues thus:

"The dangers of anarchical attempts brought about in the meantime the advent to power of men distinguished for patriotism and firmness. They believed it necessary to occupy some points upon the extreme Roman frontier, but learning the flight of GARIBALDI they revoked, with laudable spontaneity, the orders it had been our duty highly to disapprove. The Emperor's Government has suspended the departure of a third division, and orders have even been issued to concentrate the expeditionary corps upon Civita Vecchia. As calm has been reëstablished in the Papal States, we are able to reckon upon the speedy return home of our troops. We have called the attention of the Powers to the situation of Italy and the Pontifical States."

Alluding to the embarrassments of Turkey, the Blue Book says:

"The engagements entered into by the Porte toward Europe, and the services we rendered in 1856, gave us the right to speak and to be listened to. We have not ceased to point out as the essential bases of the required reforms the definitive accession of all the subjects of the Empire to real equality, and their emancipation by the good organization of justice, of administration and education."

The Blue Book hopes that notable changes are upon the eve of being effected in Turkey in economical and administrative order. It admits that improvements have been carried out, and alludes to the good effect of the concessions the Porte was advised to make with regard to Roumania and Servia. The Blue-book adds:

"Our efforts have, unfortunately, not been crowned with as complete success in the negotiations as to Crete. In accord with the Cabinets of Berlin, Vienna, St. Petersburgh and Florence we have asked that the populations should be consulted, but these suggestions have not been received. The resistance of the Ottoman continuing, the Council of Four presented a collective Note, which England did not decline to recommend semi-officially should be taken into consideration; but the Sultan, subordinating the measures advised to preliminary conditions, replied by a distinct refusal. In fact on this attitude nothing remained but to release ourselves from responsibility, and to resume our liberty of appreciating the future. This was the object of the declaration presented by the four Powers at the close of October. We shall, however, do nothing to impede the efforts of Turkey, and we shall even hope she may succeed in restoring tranquility to Crete by the course she has adopted."

The relations of France with the United States have resumed their accustomed cordial character.

ITALY AND ROME.

Meeting of Mazzinians at Lugano.

The *Pall-Mall Gazette* states that an important meeting of Italian Republicans, under the Presidency of MAZZINI, recently took place at Lugano. The proceedings began by a speech from the President, who compared the Italy of the present day with the France of 1830, MENABREA with POLIGNAC, and GARIBALDI with Gen. LAFAYETTE. It only depended on GARIBALDI, he said, to give the signal for the outbreak of a great Socialist movement in Europe, and he had only abstained from doing so on account of the great responsibility such a step would cast upon him. The Italian monarchy was now no more. It had been struck in the heart at Aspromonte, and it was buried at Mentana. He did not think Italy sympathized much with republicanism, but she had now no alternative but to accept it, as there was no sovereign dynasty which could replace that of VICTOR EMMANUEL. Several other speeches followed, after which it was resolved to hasten as much as possible the convocation of Parliament, and to prevail upon the republican deputies to resign their seats, unless the Government would bind itself to settle by a plebiscitum the question whether Rome is to be the capital of Italy. Other resolutions were also passed, in pursuance of which an insurrection was to be prepared in Sicily and Calabria, insurrectionary Committees to be organized in all the principal towns of the country, and their inhabitants persuaded to refuse to pay the taxes.

DR. LIVINGSTONE.

Hopes for the Safety of the African Explorer.

From the Pall-Mall Gazette, Nov. 23.

The hopes that Dr. LIVINGSTONE is yet alive will be strengthened by the following telegraphic dispatch which has been received from Col. STANTON, Her Majesty's Agent and Consul-General in Egypt, to Lord STANLEY, dated Cairo, Nov. 20, 1867; received Nov. 21: "A message has reached this agency from Her Majesty's Consul at Zanzibar, dated the 28th of September, to the following effect: 'Reliable information has reached this of Dr. LIVINGSTONE having been seven months ago at Marunga, on his voyage to the northeast, passing to the west of Lake Tanganyika. Mr. CHURCHILL was about to proceed to the coast to obtain further information.'"

TORTOLA.

Official Account of the Much-Exaggerated Disaster.

The following is the dispatch, dated Oct. 31, addressed by Sir ARTHUR RUMBOLD, President of Tortola, to the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, at the Colonial Office in London:

"A terrific hurricane burst over these islands yesterday. The storm lasted from 11 A. M. to 3 P. M., but the greatest force was from 12 to 2. In that brief space of time two-thirds of the miserable tenements of the town were blown down; the jail is destroyed; the church, the hospital, pier, school-house, Wesleyan chapel and poorhouse are also destroyed, and my own dwelling unroofed and rendered uninhabitable.

The loss of life cannot as yet be correctly ascertained; I have, however, already been officially informed of above twelve deaths in the town—two at Peter's Island, two at West End; while I hear that a quantity of people are killed in other parts of the country, and scarcely a hut or habitation is left standing.

All was bright and verdant; the wither blast has passed over it, and not a fruit or other tree remains; the works of the few remaining estates are all totally destroyed.

It is impossible for any pen to convey an accurate account of the appalling misery. There is not £50 in the public chest, and the chief tax, the house tax of the year, is just falling due, and of course cannot be collected. If ever any calamity appealed to public sympathy, I am confident this will awaken it; and I trust your Grace will be able to point out some hope of relief, as we cannot levy any taxes from this impoverished community."

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

State Finances—Adoption of a Report and Amendment Offered by Mr. Van Cott.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1867.

The Convention has presented a busy scene to-day. About 100 members have been in attendance during the morning sessions, being the largest number that has been seen here since the adjournment in September. The article on Finance has been under consideration as a special order all day, and the debate has been animated and interesting, the speaking having generally been brief and to the point. Various propositions to amend the article as reported by the Committee have been made, and with one exception voted down. The exception is the following section offered by Mr. VAN COTT.

"Taxation on real and personal property shall be equal and uniform in this State. A sworn statement shall be delivered to the taxing officers by all persons and corporations who own, possess or hold such property, specifying the ownership, quantity and estimated value thereof; in which may also be specified the particulars of the indebtedness of the persons and corporations owning such property. The Legislature shall pass laws giving effect to the above provision, subject to such deductions, which shall be equal and uniform as to real and personal property, and to such exemptions as may be prescribed by law."

This section was adopted, so that the Convention has adopted the principle of requiring from persons subject to taxation sworn inventories of their property. If this feature should be preserved and the new Constitution adopted, it is thought that a vast amount of property which has hitherto escaped the inquisition of the Assessors, will be brought to light, and a very different aspect will be given to the question of finance and taxation in this State.

The financial article will undoubtedly occupy all the evening session and possibly a portion of to-morrow. The article on State Canals will come up next in order.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The Constitutional Convention met at 10 o'clock this morning.

Several petitions were presented and referred.

Mr. BALLARD moved that the use of the Assembly Chamber be granted to GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The motion was adopted.

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of that portion of the report on the finances relating to assessment and taxation.

The following section was adopted by a vote of 78 to 10:

Taxation upon real estate and personal property in this State shall be equal and uniform, and upon all such property not exempt by law; and the Legislature shall require from every person, association or corporation in this State, a sworn statement of the taxable property and actual value thereof, both real and personal, owned by, in the possession of or under the control of such person, association or corporation.

Mr. BARTON moved to reconsider. Motion laid on the table.

Mr. OPDYKE moved to amend the above section as follows: After deducting therefrom any debts due, or to become due from such persons.

Mr. M. J. TOWNSEND moved to further amend by adding the following:

Where the amount of such debts and the persons, associations or corporations, to whom such debts respectfully are owing, shall be disclosed by such return, and in such case the amount of such debts shall be assessed against the persons, associations or corporations to whom the same shall be owing, and the Legislature shall have power to pass all necessary laws for the collection of such tax.

By consent, Mr. OPDYKE was permitted to modify his amendment as follows:

The Legislature shall allow an abatement from the taxable property of the actual indebtedness of the person owning said property, but all laws authorizing such abatement shall apply to real and personal estate alike.

Mr. M. J. TOWNSEND's amendment was lost.

Mr. VAN COTT offered the following substitute:

Taxation on real and personal property shall be equal and uniform in this State. A sworn statement shall be delivered to the taxing officers by all persons and corporations, who own, possess or hold such property, specifying the ownership, quantity and estimated value thereof; in which may also be specified the particulars of the indebtedness of the persons and corporations owning such property. The Legislature shall pass laws, giving effect to the above provision, subject to such deductions, which shall be equal and uniform as to real and personal property, and to such exemptions as may be prescribed by law.

Mr. HALE moved the following substitute for Mr. OPDYKE'S amendment: "After making such deductions for indebtedness as may be authorized by law."

A lengthy debate followed on the general questions of debate and taxation, after which Mr. HALE'S substitute was lost.

The question was then taken on Mr. OPDYKE'S amendment, and it was lost by a vote of 35 to 58.

Mr. ERASTUS BROOKS moved to amend Mr. VAN COTT'S substitute by providing for the appointment of three State Assessors by the

INTERNAL REVENUE.

Report of Commissioner Rollins.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE,
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, 1867.

SIR: The Internal Revenue laws as amended by the act of March, 1865, were in operation without substantial change during the entire fiscal year 1866. The tabular statements, therefore, which accompanied my last annual report, exhibited the revenue from different sources under a uniform taxation through the entire year. The amendments of July 13, 1866, and of March 2, 1867, very materially reduced the productive power of the law, adding largely to the free list and modifying the rates upon many objects of taxation. The definite and permanent effect which these and other changes have produced, cannot be stated because of the nature of some of them, and the little time which has elapsed since their adoption. I shall endeavor, however, in this the sixth annual report of this office, among other subjects, the discussion of which seem appropriate, to present as clearly as possible the results of the present law as compared with those which have preceded it, and, with recommendations of such changes as a careful observation of its operations suggest, will furnish an estimate of its probable productiveness for the current fiscal year. After the passage of the act of July 1, 1862, and until the suppression of the rebellion, the legislation of Congress relating to internal revenue was substantially for its increase. Since that time, however, the revenues from taxation have been regarded as in excess of the current expenditures of the Government and the judicious payment of its indebtedness, and recent acts have been for their reduction.

The statute of July 13, 1866, was intended to reduce the revenue about sixty-five million dollars per annum, and from the act of March last a further annual reduction of forty millions was expected. The receipts of the last fiscal year were, therefore, of course, less than those of the year preceding, while they were larger than were anticipated at the passage of the acts providing for the reduction.

AGGREGATE RECEIPTS.

The aggregate receipts of internal revenue, exclusive of the direct tax upon lands, and the duty upon the circulation and deposits of National Banks, were for the year

1865	$211,129,529 17
1866	310,906,984 17
1867	265,920,474 45

These amounts include drawback upon goods exported, and sums refunded as erroneously assessed and collected.

The amounts of drawback and sums refunded, were as follows:

	Drawback.	Amounts refunded.	
1865	$698,655 36	$422,734 36	
1866	798,886 73	514,844 43	
1867	1,864,621 68	706,581 89	

The increase of the amount of drawback for the past year was largely due to the increased exportation of cotton goods and of spirits of turpentine, and the presentation of claims on account of goods exported prior to June 30, 1864, which was made necessary by the statute of limitations barring their payment unless the same were presented prior to October, 1866. From the amount of drawback allowed up to this time during the present fiscal year, it is probable that the whole amount for the year will not much exceed one million dollars.

RECEIPTS FROM SEVERAL SPECIAL SOURCES.

Banks, Trust Companies and Savings Institutions.

	1865.	1866.	1867.
Dividends and additions to surplus	$3,987,209 65	$4,186,023 72	$3,774,975 32
Circulation	1,883,661 84	996,628 11	20,576 07
Deposits	2,043,841 61	1,390,626 81	1,355,389 98
Capital	9,3,397 98	374,074 11	476,867 73

The reduction of receipts from capital, circulation and deposits is due to the conversion of State banks into national institutions, paying taxes to the Treasurer of the United States.

Deposits of savings banks having no capital stock, have largely been relieved from taxation by the act of July 13, 1866.

RAILROADS.

	1865	1866	1867
Dividends and profits	$2,470,816 89	$2,295,894 45	3,379,362 19
Int. on bonds	947,663 01	1,255,916 96	
Gross receipts	5,917 233 51	7,614,448 13	4,128,255 24

The returns of the taxes upon dividends and interest on bonds were made to the office of the Commissioner until the act of July, 1866, took effect; since that time they have been made only to the assessors, and the tax has been paid to collectors. The monthly abstracts of the collectors have not given the amounts received from the two sources separately. The reduction of amount from gross receipts is due to the exemption of receipts for the transportation of property from tax after July, 1866:

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

	1865	1866	1867
Dividends and additions to surplus	$764,658 38	$767,231 12	$563,473 93
Premiums and assessments	961,502 99	1,169,722 23	1,326,014 38

The rate of tax upon dividends of banks, railroads, and insurance companies has been five per cent. during the last three years; that upon premiums one and a half per cent.

GROSS RECEIPTS OF TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

1865	$215,080 82
1866	358,457 51
1867	239,594 93

After July, 1866, the tax was reduced from five to three per cent.

GROSS RECEIPTS OF EXPRESS COMPANIES.

1865	$529,275 89
1866	645,769 02
1867	558,359 28

The rate has remained unchanged during the three years.

REVENUE STAMPS.

1865	$11,162,392 14
1866	15,044,373 18
1867	16,094,718 00

The excess of the revenue of 1866 over that for 1865 was due to the use of stamps in that portion of the country prior to that time in rebellion. Since Aug. 1, 1866, affidavits, receipts for the delivery of property, appeals, confessions of judgments, writs, and other original processes, have been exempt from duty, while the tax upon bankers' and brokers' sales of stocks, bonds, &c., has been added to the stamp schedule.

Sales of beer stamps are not included in the receipts above given.

During the year the sum of $1,927,117 56 was received from the sale of one cent stamps, and $8,231,-247 27 for stamps from special dies for matches, perfumery, cosmetics, medicines and other proprietary articles.

LEGACIES AND SUCCESSIONS.

1865	$548,907 14
1866	1,168,765 59
1867	1,861,429 16

INCOME.

1865	$20 567,350 26
1866	6 ,894,13o 85
1867	57,040,040 67

Income, articles in schedule A, and special taxes, except wholesale dealers and wholesale dealers in liquor, are subject only to annual assessment. The income tax of the fiscal year 1865 was mainly from the income of the calendar year 1863, and that of 1866 from the calendar year 1864. By the statute of March last the annual assessment was changed from May to March, so that of the $57,040,640 collected in the fiscal year 1867, $9,773,858 were from the income of the calendar year 1866, and $47,266,782 from the year 1865. The entire tax collected from the income of 1865 was $48,101,467. The amount collected during the present fiscal year from the income of 1866 is $14,611,234, which, added to the $9,773,858 before collected, make thus far collected from the income of 1866 $24,385,-092. This sum is as large, I think, as was generally expected, for incomes were usually less than for the year preceding, and the increase of the exemption to $1,000, and the reduction of one-half in the rate upon incomes exceeding $5,000, were intended to decrease the receipts nearly $20,000,000.

The number of persons whose income tax on the annual list in 1867 is:

Twenty dollars or less	63,085
Over $20 and not over $50	42,047
Over $50 and not over $100	28,938
Over $100 and not over $500	54,778
Over $500	50,398
Total number	240,134

No reports of the number of persons assessed for income tax on the annual list of 1867, have been received from the following districts, viz.: First Arkansas, California, Second Indiana, Third Louisiana, First North Carolina, Third and Fourth Texas, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

The whole number of persons assessed on the annual list for 1866 was 460,170. The difference is attributable to the amount exempt from tax.

ARTICLES IN SCHEDULE A.

1865	$879,801 79
1866	1,692,791 63
1867	2,116,495 22

Carriages below the value of $300, yachts, and piano-fortes and other musical instruments were exempted by the act of July, 1866. The receipts during the year from assessments upon those articles, made prior to their exemption, were $1,005,152 11. The returns from watches in 1866 were $426,557 17; in 1867, $619,069 61. The change in the time of making the annual assessment heretofore described increased the amount of collections from this source during 1867. Of this amount, $1,807,187 were derived from the assessment of 1866, and $309,338 from that of 1867. Since July 1, $496,180 have been collected, making the receipts thus far from the last annual assessment $805,518.

SPECIAL TAXES.

1865	$12,598,691 25
1866	18,018,743 32
1867	18,103,615 69

What I have said in relation to the time of the assessment of income and schedule A applies as well to special taxes. Of the receipts for the last fiscal year, $12,516,461 were derived from the annual assessment of 1866, and the balance from that of 1867. The total receipts thus far from the assessment of 1867 are $11,830,969.

Wholesale dealers and wholesale dealers in liquor, until the act of July, 1866, paid their license taxes upon their probable sales for the year as determined by their sales of the year preceding. After the payment of $50 by wholesale dealers and $100 by wholesale dealers in liquor, their returns are now made and their taxes paid upon their monthly sales. This change in the law accounts for the apparent reduction of the aggregate receipts from special taxes. The difference, however, will be recovered during the current year, and will be reported as sales.

Prior to the act of July 13, 1866, brewers paid $50 for each license, and where their product was less than 500 barrels per year, $25. After that time the rates were doubled, as was the tax upon distillers of spirituous liquors.

Manufacturers of tobacco, snuff and cigars were by that act classed as tobacconists instead of manufacturers, and during the last year paid a special tax of $59,391 52.

The number of persons paying tax as peddlers during 1865 were 27,878; 1866, 43,196; 1867, 46,049.

RAW COTTON.

1865	$1,772,983 48
1866	18,478,654 90
1867	23,760,696 80

The tax was two cents per pound until Aug. 1, 1866, when it was increased to three cents, where it remained until September, 1867, when it was reduced to two and a half cents per pound. The receipts during 1866 represent cotton grown at different times which could not, by reason of the war, before that time reach the market. The receipts of 1867 substantially represent the product of that year, nearly 2,000,000 bales.

REFINED PETROLEUM AND COAL OIL.

1865	$3,047,212 77
1866	5,317,386 05
1867	4,904,761 71

Oil distilled from coal, asphaltum or shale paid fifteen cents per gallon until August, 1866; after that ten cents. Naptha and the lighter oils we have, at different times, been variously taxed, but all successively lower rates.

In 1864, 22,015,732 gallons of refined petroleum were brought to charge, and 671,945 gallons of refined coal oil; in 1865, 14,756,069 gallons of refined petroleum, and 63,922 gallons of refined coal oil; in 1866, 25,890,694 gallons of petroleum, and 928,380 gallons of coal oil; in 1867, 24,993,535 gallons of petroleum, and 768,925 gallons of coal oil.

The amount in bonded warehouse on the 30th of June, 1867, was in excess of that at the close of the preceding fiscal year; the amount exported during 1867 was nearly double that for 1866.

It is believed that the tax has not only been avoided in various ways through a defect in the law, but that the law itself has been frequently violated, with great loss to the revenue. The high rate of tax offers strong temptation both to refiners and officers.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES AND CHEROOTS.

1865	$3,087,421 51
1866	3,476,296 86
1867	3,661,984 39

For ten months of the year 1865 the receipts were from specific taxes, graduated by different values of the cigars. On March 3, 1865, a uniform rate of $10 per thousand was imposed. By the statute of July 13, 1866, the tax became partly specific and in part *ad valorem*, and by that of March last the tax of $5 per thousand was adopted, which was a very large reduction from the then existing duty.

CHEWING AND SMOKING TOBACCO.

1865	$8 617,020 63
1866	12,339 921 93
1867	15,245,477 51

The tax upon smoking tobacco, except that made exclusively of stems, was increased in March, 1865, from 25 cents to 35 cents per pound. Fine-cut chewing plug in March, 1865, was increased from 35 to 40 cents per pound, where it still remains. The tax upon smoking tobacco, not sweetened, stemmed or manufactured, was reduced in 1865 to 15 cents per pound, 141,075,568 pounds of the manufactured article were exported in bond during the last fiscal year, while the amount in bonded warehouse was increased from 4,123,631 pounds, on the 1st of July, 1866, to 7,625,001 pounds on the 1st of July, 1867. The taxed production of tobacco in 1865 was 36,639,020 pounds; in 1866, 35,748,354 pounds, and in 1867, 46,636,581 pounds. The product of 1866 was largely reproduced by tobacco manufactured in the South before the war and during its progress, and after its close brought to Northern markets. Notwithstanding the heavy loss by fraud, the increase of the receipts has been quite satisfactory.

FERMENTED LIQUORS.

1865	$3,837,181 06
1866	5,115,140 49
1867	5,819,345 49

The tax of $1 per barrel has been continued during the three years.

DISTILLED SPIRITS AND BRANDY.

	Distilled Spirits.	Brandy.
1865	15,886,701 06	12,005 33
1866	25,268,376 16	253,409 84
1867	22,286,264 31	848,145 03

For the first six months of the fiscal year 1865 the tax on distilled spirits was $1 50 per gallon; afterward $2. The tax on brandy has varied from fifty cents to $2.

The amount of spirits forfeited has been largely in excess of that during any year preceding, and probably equals the whole amount prior to June 30, 1866. The receipts from forfeited spirits are not included in the above.

The frauds connected with the production and removal of spirits are of very alarming extent and character, and will be considered more fully in another part of this report. The amount of spirits in bonded warehouse on the 1st of July, 1866, was 6,081,551 gallons; on the 1st of July, 1867, 17,887,272 gallons. The amount out of warehouse under transportation bonds on July 1, 1866, was 3,133,211 gallons, and on July 1, 1867, was 3,931,444 gallons. The amount of distilled spirits received into "class 3 warehouses," so called, for the manufacture of medicines, cosmetics, cordials, &c., for exportation, was 892,727 gallons. The amount exported in bond was 4,654,816 gallons. The amount upon which tax was paid was 14,148,132 gallons. From this it will appear that the amount of distilled spirits which was reported to revenue officers during the year 1867, and which are to be accounted for, is 32,299,629 gallons. The difference between this amount and the actual production measures the product which reached the market through fraud.

EXPENSE OF COLLECTING THE REVENUE.

It is one of the maxims of ADAM SMITH that "every tax ought to be so contrived as to take out and keep out of the pockets of the people as little as possible over and above what it brings into the treasury of the State." The reasonableness of this principle is self-evident, for it but states the fact that the object of revenue laws is the supply of the treasury rather than the employment and payment of its officers. The expense of collecting the internal revenue has always been a matter of interest to the public, who at the time of payment of taxes have not the present means of ascertaining their actual advantages to the Government. From the great extent of territory, and the almost numberless objects of taxation, it was variously estimated during the pendency of the first Internal Revenue Bill in the thirty-seventh Congress that the charges of collection would be from seven to twelve per cent., and it was freely argued that the expenses of collection could not reach the Treasury for less than fifteen or twenty per cent. of its amount. It is a cause of no small satisfaction, therefore, that the accounts of the department, as exhibited by the accounting officers of the Treasury, have shown the most moderate estimate to be largely in excess of the actual expenditures. The manner of adjustment and payment of expenses, as prescribed by law, has been variously changed from time to time, and I cannot well present comparative tables except for the years 1866 and 1867.

Expenses for 1866-67.

Compensation and expenses of	1866.	1867.
assessors and assistant assessors	$4,034,043 09	$3,849,913 82
Collectors' compensation and expenses	2,161.710 14	2,144,205 68
Superintendents of exports and drawbacks	16,714 00	15,434 71
Revenue agents	35,455 79	45,141 85
Special agents assigned to this office	17,276 82	39,912 00
Revenue inspectors	121,078 70	180,271 84
Special revenue commission	22,080 68	1,288 85
Officers and clerks of this bureau	277,672 71	296,969 75
Stamps and cotton tags	177,089 55	186,234 61
Other incidental expenses of this office	40,093 02	87,099 69
Commission on sale of stamps	798,536 04	835,536 22
Total	$7,689,700 46	$7,712,089 02

It is not claimed that these statements are absolutely accurate, because there are always more or less suspended contingent and outstanding claims, and in each year's accounts are amounts paid for expenses in years preceding. The indebtedness unpaid at the close of any year, however, is no considerable fraction of the sum which has been paid, and in amount is substantially the same every year.

The increase of cost for special agents and inspectors arises from their increased number; that for "officers and clerks of this bureau," from the twenty per cent. additional to salaries not above $3,500 per annum. The commissions on sale of stamps is larger than in 1866, because of the greater sale. Other incidental expenses of this office include rent, printing, express and telegraph charges, advertising, hydrometers, &c.

The inland revenue of Great Britain and Ireland is from very few sources, and the system of its collection the result of long and profitable experience, while the small extent of the territory of the kingdom is favorable to economy. The amount of receipts of revenue and the costs of its collection have changed so little during the last seven years that for comparison with our own it seems necessary to give them only for 1865 and 18 6, as presented in the tenth and last annual report of the Inland Commissioners:

YEARS.	Gross receipts.	Net receipts.	Rate per cent. on gross receipts.	Rate per cent. on net receipts.
	£	£	£ s. d	£ s. d
1865	£41,432,778	£40,249,361	3 11 4	3 13 5
1866	40,350,29	39,096,414	3 11 3	3 13 6

In calculating the percentage, the superannuations, compensations and other retired allowances are not included in the costs.

From the estimate submitted to the House of Commons, Feb. 13, 1867, and by it ordered to be printed, it appears that the amount asked for salaries and other expenses for payment in the year 1867, ending March 31, 1868, was £1,332,707, being an excess over that for the preceding year of £23,062.

The receipts of internal revenue of the United States from Sept. 1, 1862, to June 30, 1865, and for the fiscal years 1866 and 1867, and the ratio thereto of the expenses during the several periods, were as follows:

Receipts and expenses of assessing and collecting internal revenue from Sept. 1, 1862, to June 30, 1865; from July 1, 1865, to June 30, 1866, and from July 1, 1866, to June 30, 1867:

Gross collection.	Refunded.	Drawback.
$226,275,277 69	$561,204 73	$1,386,087 35
313,906,984 17	514,844 43	798,886 73
265,920,474 45	706,581 89	1,864,621 68

Net collections.	Expenses.	Per cent. on gross collections.	Per cent. on net collections.
$223,328,985 61	$10,288,550 91	3.16	3.16
309,593,273 01	7,637,639 10	2.47	2.49
263,349,361 28	7,712,089 02	2.90	2.93

The amount of drawbacks and of sums refunded constitutes the difference between the gross and the net collections.

From the above it will be seen that the ratio of costs to collections is very considerably less than in Great Britain.

The expenditures of the past year have not fallen with the reduction of the receipts, for the mere changing of the rate of taxation does not affect the costs of the assessment and collection, and the reduction of the amount of labor by the additions to the free list was nearly balanced by the allowance of rent to Assistant Assessors, and their subsequently increased compensation.

PROBABLE RECEIPTS FOR THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR.

Experience has shown that the estimates of future revenues, even when made by those best qualified to make them, are liable to great inaccuracy. Changes in the law have been so frequent, and production by reason of the disturbed condition of the country so uneven, that no certain and absolute conclusion can be argued from the statistics of the past.

From a careful consideration of such data, however, as are in the possession of the office, an approximation to the aggregate collections for the year may be made.

I herewith present a tabular statement of the receipts during July, August, September and October, of the fiscal years 1865, 1866 and 1867 respectively, as appears from the certificates of deposit received at this office:

	1865.	1866.	1867.
July	$21,623,479 75	$27,079,103 38	$24,734,656 14
August	34,067,539 09	36,343,340 81	17,848,651 29
September	27,939,415 82	33,714,718 66	15,183,606 59
October	30,497,983 63	26,414,430 20	14,466,636 44

Of the amount collected during the four months of 1865, $52,948,561 44 were from incomes, and of that in 1866, $43,463,655 45, while of that in 1867, only $17,733,714 04 came from these sources.

I also submit the receipts from several important sources of revenue for the first quarter of the present fiscal year, as compared with those from like sources during the first quarter of the fiscal year 1867.

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	July, Aug't and Sept'ber, 1866.	July, Aug't and Sept'ber, 1867.
Bullion	$120 563 00	$117,759 62
Cigars	1,124,855 63	653,631 71
Cloth and all textile, knitted, or felted fabrics made of cotton	2,803,346 01	1,859,140 22
Cloth and all textile, knitted, or felted fabrics made of wool	1,854,269 63	850,314 13
Clothing, articles of, including boots and shoes	2,893,784 03	950,648 27
Cotton, raw	1,535,973 23	1,294,851 37
Fermented liquors	1,137,639 10	1,62..710 20
Gas	348,598 88	16,423 16
Iron	2,215,791 49	747,759 29
Leather	1,007,256 32	501,456 17
Oil, petroleum and coal refined	1,904,352 72	636,275 76
Spirits distilled from materials other than apples, peaches or grapes	9,181,515 39	3,577,599 45
Sugar, crude and refined	685,738 03	349,020 63
Tobacco, chewing and smoking, and snuff	3,577,031 09	4,343,716 23
Turpentine, spirits of	181,485 47	153,567 47
Articles increased in value	79,773 66	15,,714 65
Collections from all other manufactures and productions	9,274,020 69	4,148,908 96
Gross receipts, canals, ferries, ships, barges, &c., and steamboats	54,787 19	134,271 14
Gross receipts, express companies	110,433 68	146,375 04
Gross receipts, insurance companies	278,180 97	293,019 11
Gross receipts, railroads, stage coaches, &c	1,783,875 14	844 611 69
Revenue stamps	3,036,472 17	3,12,,570 23
Sales, brokers, &c	7,126,321 69	984,072 50
Income	38,091,454 68	14,611,234 50
Special taxes	8,453,942 47	6,943,898 97
Legacies	556,817 20	310,397 20
Successions	159,599 68	290,100 68
Articles in schedule A	1,256,382 20	486,159 60
Bank circulation and deposits	140,655 59	518,519 04

The receipts during August, 1866, being for the assessments of July, were but slightly affected by the act of July of that year, which, as before stated, was intended to reduce the revenue about $65,000,000 per annum. Cigars are probably now taxed at about one-half the rates existing at that time.

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It is not within the purpose and scope of an annual report to consider at length the civil service of other countries, and indeed it was so fully detailed in the report of the Joint Committee on Retrenchment during the last Congress, and the necessities of this country in this behalf so fully portrayed, that little more need be done by me, perhaps, than to invite the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury to the report itself with its accompanying papers, and to the sources of Mr. INGERSOLL, of Rhode Island, upon his introduction to the House of Representatives.

I have not examined the details of the Civil Service Bill of the last Congress with sufficient care, nor considered enough its general adaptation to the wants of other Departments, to authorize me to say that no better can be presented; but I do most thoroughly believe that some law of this general purpose of this bill, so far as it relates to internal revenue, is absolutely indispensable.

DISTILLED SPIRITS.

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PROBABLE ANNUAL CONSUMPTION.

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The Special Revenue Commission made an exhaustive examination of this subject last year, prosecuting their inquiries through all avenues of information, and after making due allowance for the entire disuse of burning fluid and the employment of substitutes in varnish, whisky, medicine, and generally in manufactures and pharmacy, in concluding its report, says:

"After careful consideration of the facts above presented, and after conference with many of the principal dealers and manufacturers from all sections of the country, the Commission are of opinion that, with the maintenance of the present tax of two dollars per gallon, the quantity of distilled spirits which may be expected to be reduced and rendered subject to assessment for the immediate future will be from 42,000,000 to 45,000,000 of gallons."

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CONTRACTS.

There were in the service of the Department on the 30th June, 1867, 6,376 contractors for the transportation of the mails.

O mail routes in operation there were 7,743; aggregate length, 303,245 miles; aggregate annual transportation, 75,982,789 miles; aggregate annual cost, $9,336,286; including the compensation of postal railway clerks, route agents, local agents, mail messengers, mail-route messengers, and baggage-masters in charge of mails, viz.: $1,020,871, the aggregate annual cost was $10,357,157. This service was divided as follows, viz.:

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The length of routes was increased over the preceding year 22,824 miles; the annual transportation, 9,144,875 miles; and cost, $1,705,812; to which add increased cost for railway postal clerks, route, local and other agents, $241,161, makes an aggregate of $1,946,973.

LEGISLATIVE CONTRACTS.

SAN FRANCISCO TO PORTLAND, BY SEA.

By a joint resolution of Congress, approved Feb. 18, 1867, the Postmaster-General was "authorized to employ ocean mail service between San Francisco, California, and Portland, Oregon, not less than three times a month, in continuation of the service from New-York *via* Panama to San Francisco; provided that the cost of said service shall not exceed $25,000 per annum." The resolution further directed that bids for the service be invited by advertisement in newspapers published at San Francisco, California, and Portland, Oregon. In compliance with the provisions of this enactment, an advertisement was prepared under date of Feb. 25, 1867, and inserted in the newspapers directed, and also in one printed in New-York, inviting proposals for service from July 1, 1867, to June 30, 1870. But one bid was received, that of the California, Oregon and Mexican Steamship Company, at $25,000 per annum, which was accepted June 6, 1867, and contracts have since been executed.

OVERLAND AND TERRITORIAL MAILS.

During the Spring and Summer months the complaints as to the manner in which the service was being performed, and the great delay in the arrival of mail from the East at Denver and Salt Lake, were more numerous and pressing than at any time since the present route has been in operation. It was charged that the Indian troubles, complained of by the contractor and given by his agents as an excuse for non-performance of service, were a pretence, and that there was no reason why the mails should not be conveyed regularly and within schedule time. The official reports, however, of Gen. SHERMAN and other officers of the army, referred by the Secretary of War to this Department, proved conclusively that the most serious troubles did exist on the plains, and that there was no safety for either passengers or mails except under ample military escort, which could not be furnished daily. A special agent of the Department, lately sent over the route for the express purpose of reporting as to the manner in which the service had been performed during the Summer, and also as to its present condition, has, under date of Nov. 4, 1867, made his report, which is accompanied by the affidavit of the Postmasters and principal officers on the route, and also by the statements of several officers commanding military stations on the line. From papers submitted by the contractor to the inspection division, it would appear that from April 1 to Aug. 15, 1867, the Indians robbed him of three hundred and fifty head of stage stock; burned twelve of his stage stations, with large amounts of grain and hay, destroyed three coaches and express wagons, severely wounded several of his passengers, and killed outright thirteen of his most reliable employes.

The Santa Fe route, although more fortunate than the overland, was also besieged by Indians during the greater part of the Summer. Several of the stations were robbed of their stock, which, of course, seriously delayed the transportation of mail matter. At this date, however, the route is working well, and the registers show that the service is being performed even within the lately shortened schedule time, which gives great satisfaction to the residents of the entire Territory.

A daily mail having been ordered on the route from Salt Lake to the Dalles, Washington Territory, letters and papers from the East for northern Oregon and Washington are distributed so as to be forwarded by that line.

The importance of a mail over the old Southern overland route from El Paso, Texas, by Tucson and Yuma, to Los Angeles, being urged upon the Department, route 17,408, originally let from Mesilla to Tucson, was extended, *at pro rata* pay, to Los Angeles, and the number of trips increased to three per week. This has proved a source of great benefit to persons living on the line of the route, who had been for five years cut off from all communication or intercourse with California than by sending their letters by stage fifteen hundred miles to Saint Joseph, to be again transmitted two thousand miles by the same conveyance to San Francisco.

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POST-ROUTE MAPS.

These maps, the general outline of which was suggested by and inaugurated under the administration of Postmaster-General Dennison, are intended to embrace a systematic exhibit of the postal service of the United States, on a plan adapted to keep up with the periodical changes and gradual improvement of the service. It is needless to do more than refer to the advantages of this graphic mode of representation, for a general view of the connections, over the vast extent of our national domain, and the great number of post-offices and routes to be shown, with the tedious reference to books of entry. Owing to the requisite amount of detail, such maps can only be compiled in successive groups of States.

FINES AND TEDUCTIONS.

The amount of fines imposed and deductions made from the pay of contractors, for failures and other delinquencies during the year, was $188,839 46, and the amount remitted for the same period was $42,-867 79, leaving the net amount of fines and deductions $145,967 97.

THROUGH MAIL ROUTE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND NEW-ORLEANS.

The through mails between Washington and New-Orleans are carried over the Orange and Alexandria Railroad between Washington and Lynchburgh, Va.; the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad between Lynchburgh and Bristol, Tenn.; the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad between Bristol and Knoxville, Tenn.; the East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad between Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tenn.; the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad between Chattanooga and Stevenson, Ala.; the Memphis and Charleston Railroad between Stevenson and Grand Junction, Tenn.; the Mississippi Central Railroad between Grand Junction and Canton, Miss.; and the New-Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad between Canton and New Orleans. This is called the Southwestern route. It is all rail, and its aggregate length is 1,280 miles. The Atlantic route, *via* Richmond, Va.; Wilmington, N. C.; Kingsville, S. C.; Augusta and Atlanta, Ga., and Montgomery and Mobile, Ala., is twenty miles shorter, but the aggregate distance thereby between Washington and New-Orleans being 1,260 miles; but on that route there are 220 miles of steamboat service, between Washington and Game Point, (Aquia Creek,) 56 miles, and between Mobile and the lake terminus of the Pontchartrain Railroad, 174 miles.

Compared with the records kept before the rebellion, as condensed in the report of the Postmaster-General for the year 1860, (page 28,) the service on the Southwestern route exhibits a marked improvement, both with regard to speed and regularity, the average time in each direction being reduced about twenty-two hours, and the proportion of trips performed in schedule time being increased from about one-half the whole number then to nearly three-fourths now, reckoning the schedule time at three and a half days until the 15th of June, and at three and a fourth days after that date, going south, and at three and a half days for the whole period going north.

RAILWAY POSTAL SERVICE.

There are now in operation in the United States eighteen railway postal routes, extending in the aggregate over 4,485 miles upon 879 miles of which twice daily service is performed, making a total equal to 5,314 miles of railway postal service daily each way. There are employed in this service 160 men as head clerks and clerks, at a cost of $187,900 per annum. It would require to perform this same service by route agents, in the ordinary way, 86 men, at salaries of $1,080 per annum, the compensation now allowed to route agents on first-class routes, making the cost $92,880 per annum. Thus:

160 postal clerks cost	$187,900
86 route agents would cost	92,880
Increased cost of postal clerks over route ag'ts.	$95,020

But, in making this statement, it is proper to state that the reduction of clerical force in distributing and other large Post-offices incident to the introduction of the railway postal service should be taken into consideration. It is impossible to give the exact number of clerks saved to those offices; but it is certain that in the force of the Chicago, Cairo, St. Joseph, Buffalo, Washington, Richmond, Memphis, and Chattanooga offices, an aggregate reduction of thirty men has been made; and it is fair to assume that, without the railway postal service, these same offices, instead of decreasing, would have increased their force by the addition of at least thirty. The saving may therefore be set down at sixty men, at an average compensation of $1,000 per annum each, say $60,000 per annum, thus reducing the balance against the railway postal service, as at present in operation and organized, to about $35,000 per annum.

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FOREIGN MAIL SERVICE.

STATISTICS.

The aggregate amount of postage upon the correspondence exchanged with foreign countries was $2,441,242 52, an increase of $152,023 22 over the previous year. Of this amount $1,969,605 55 accrued on the correspondence exchanged in the mails with Great Britain, France, Prussia, Bremen, Hamburg and Belgium; $348,303 88 on correspondence exchanged with the British North American provinces, and $123,333 09 on mails transmitted to and from the West Indies, Mexico, Central and South America, the Sandwich Islands, Japan and China. The United States portion of the postage on correspondence exchanged with Great Britain and the continent of Europe amounted to $871,223 45; with the British North American provinces, $196,848 13; and with the West Indies, &c., $123,333 09, making the total United States postages on foreign mails $1,191,404 67.

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The cost of the Transatlantic mail steamship service employed by this Department, under the provisions of the law allowing sea and inland postages to American and sea postages only to foreign steamships was $551,338 01. The amount paid for the transportation of mails to and from the West Indies, &c., by steamers receiving different rates of compensation from those on the postage, was $60,711 77, and the amount paid for sea and isthmus conveyance of mails to and from Central and South America, *via* Panama, was $22,956 79; making a total expenditure for ocean transportation of $653,006 57, exclusive of the payments made to the Brazil and China lines, receiving subsidies for mail service under special acts of Congress.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The debate on the Italian expedition in the French Chambers was continued Tuesday. MM. SIMON and GUEROULT, on the Liberal side, attacked the Italian policy of the Government, and condemned intervention.

Minister MOUSTIER has stated in the French Chambers that the holding of the Conference is uncertain, and that if it be not held France will compel Italy to a literal observance of the September Convention.

Count CHIVELLI, the Envoy of Austria to Rome, has notified the Pope that the legislation of the Reichsrath must proceed on its course, even in antagonism to the Concordat, should the Holy Father refuse to release the Emperor from the obligations of a treaty made before he became a constitutional monarch.

Baron VON BEUST, in recent dispatches, urges the meeting of the European Conference without a programme, so that each Power may be free to act.

The Italian War Office has ordered 300,000 Chassepot rifles.

Many arrests for political reasons have recently been made in different parts of the Italian Kingdom.

A second installment of the *Alabama* correspondence has been laid before the British House of Commons. Lord STANLEY, in a dispatch to Mr. FORD, the present *chargé d'affaires* at Washington, says England will never submit to the arbitration of a foreign Power claims involving her right to recognize belligerents. He repeats his offer to submit to arbitration the *Alabama* claims, and to refer all other demands for indemnity to the decision of a mixed commission.

A telegram from Bombay gives a rumor that King THEODORE had ordered the English prisoners in his custody to be executed.

Further particulars of the disastrous cyclone which recently occurred in India have been received. At Calcutta the loss of life and property was fearful. It is estimated that in that city and neighborhood alone 1,000 persons perished. Thirty thousand huts and habitations were utterly destroyed.

The Prussian Minister of Justice, Count VON LIPPE, has resigned. It is said that LEONHARDT will be appointed his successor.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday a resolution was adopted calling upon the President to furnish copies of any correspondence in his possession relative to the claims which the Governments of Great Britain and the United States have upon each other. Considerable debate was elicited by the introduction by Mr. DRAKE of a joint resolution declaring that the President had, in his Message, transcended his Constitutional prerogatives by declaring that the Reconstruction Acts passed by Congress were unconstitutional; that the use of such language by him was calculated to incite resistance to the laws; that the official denunciation by the President of the laws passed by Congress, in the absence of a judicial decision to sustain his position, is a departure from official propriety and a breach of official obligation calling for the distinct reprehension of both Houses of Congress. After debate, participated in by Messrs. SUMNER and ANTHONY in favor of it, and BUCKALEW and DIXON opposed, the resolution was laid on the table and ordered printed. Mr. EDMUND'S bill pledging payment of the Government indebtedness in coin was debated at length, but without coming to a vote the Senate went into executive session and soon after adjourned.

In the House a resolution was adopted directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report the amount of funds which remained on deposit in the National Banks on the first of each month, from the 30th June, 1866, to the 31st October, 1867. A resolution declaring that all American citizens, whether native or naturalized, are entitled to and shall receive protection from the United States Government; and that no claim made by any foreign Government over naturalized American citizens shall be recognized as destroying or weakening the right of such citizens to the protection of the United States; and that the United States Government will at all hazards protect the rights of all citizens, whether at home or abroad, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The bill abolishing the internal revenue tax on cotton grown after the year 1867 was, after a lenthy debate, agreed to. Several Executive communications were presented, after which the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

The Constitutional Convention met yesterday and considered that portion of the report on finances relating to assessment and taxation. A section providing that taxation upon real estate and personal property shall be uniform throughout the State was adopted. Several amendments were discussed and rejected, after which a recess until evening was taken. At the evening session the report was further considered and the article on finance adopted, thus disposing of the report. The report of the Committee on Canals was then taken up and disposed of, after which the Convention adjourned.

The Virginia Reconstruction Convention assembled yesterday and permanently organized, Judge UNDERWOOD being chosen President. A communication was received from Gen. SCHOFIELD, who submitted all correspondence received by him relative to the election of delegates, with the information that the Convention was competent to decide who were properly elected delegates. Some other unimportant business was transacted, and the Convention adjourned.

HENRY T. ELLETT and WILLIAM L. HARRIS, have resigned their seats on the bench of the Supreme Court of the State of Mississippi.

LOCAL.

A large and enthusiastic mass meeting was held in Cooper Institute last evening, of citizens favorable to the nomination of Gen. GRANT for the Presidency. Mr. A. T. STEWART presided, and among the persons present were large numbers of the leading merchants, bankers, lawyers and citizens of the City. Speeches were made by A. T. STEWART, Judge HILTON, F. B. CUTTING, Gen. SICKLES, LYMAN TREMAIN and S. B. CHITTENDEN, and resolutions were adopted nominating Gen. GRANT as the candidate of the loyal Union men of New-York for the Presidency in 1868.

At the meeting of the Board of Education, yesterday, a communication was received from the Mayor, nominating seven School Inspectors. The Board confirmed them. Appropriations amounting to $2,065 30 were made for repairs to Grammar Schools. Communications from Drs. DALTON, CARNOCHAN and WHITING, with regard to vaccination in the public schools, were referred.

A decision was rendered yesterday, by Judge INGRAHAM of the Supreme Court, in the case of the people *ex rel* HENRY HIGHLAND GARNETT *vs.* The Trustees of Shiloh Presbyterian Church. The relator asked for a *mandamus* to compel the Trustees to open the Church and to pay some salary in arrears. The Court denied the motion for *mandamus* without costs.

Decrees of divorce were granted yesterday by the Supreme Court, in the actions of MARY FRANCES REARDON *vs.* JOHN J. REARDON, SARAH E. FULLER *vs.* ROBERT H. FULLER, and ESTHER R. PINCUS *vs.* LAZARUS PINCUS. In the two cases last named, the custody of the children is, by the terms of the decrees, awarded to the respective plaintiffs.

At the meeting of the Fire Commissioners yesterday, a communication was read from the Citizens' Association, asking the Board to appoint a committee to confer with the Association with a view to reducing the expenses of the Department. The request was complied with.

At the Brooklyn Court of Sessions yesterday, JAMES KENNEDY was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment for having outraged a little girl named WATSON, aged only six years, daughter of a hotel-keeper at Flatbush.

United States Commissioner OSBORN yesterday, decided to hold for trial JAMES ARNOLD, the alleged defaulting teller of the Tradesmen's National Bank.

Flour, Wheat, Oats and Cotton were more active at firmer prices yesterday. Corn was about steady and moderately inquired for. Provisions were quiet and unsettled. Groceries inactive. Freights dull, with 452 vessels of all classes in port.

The Grant Meeting.

The Grant demonstration last night was strong enough, in all respects, to show the drift of public sentiment. It embraced men of a large variety of shades in political sentiment, and gave indications of a community of action such as can be called out by no public man but Gen. GRANT. This movement cannot be engineered by selfish party politicians. If such men attempt to obtain control of it, or to use it for their own purposes, they will be shaken off at the outset, and will be defeated in their ultimate end. If ever there was a political movement in this country that had its spontaneous origin with the mass of the people, and that was apart from the intrigues of wire-workers, the schemes of place-hunters, and the projects of narrow-minded partisans, it is the movement for elevating GRANT to the high position where his great practical abilities can be fully called into play for the settlement of those distracting public questions which have thus far failed of solution, and which even now are constantly becoming more complicated and threatening. Over all the other prominent men of the day, GRANT gives evidence of possessing those qualities, and powers and ideas, which give promise of uniting a conflicting public opinion and bringing together a divided country. We say *ideas* as well as personal qualities and practical powers; for those who fancy that he is destitute of intellectual perceptions or decided opinions in regard to political issues and public affairs, must have paid very little attention to his actual official course or his occasional authentic utterances. After an intelligent reading of his evidence before the Impeachment Committee, and his report as Secretary of War, (both of which documents we have published within a few days past,) no one need have any doubt as to where he stands, or as to whether he has a standing. There is no question about which he is not informed, and no question about which he has not come to a conclusion. If his views on few matters are calculated to satisfy wrangling extremists, they are quite certain to satisfy that vast majority of the American people who prefer beneficent practical results, accomplished through feasible means, to fine-spun theories that cannot be made to work. This has been discovered by patriotic citizens in all parts of the country, and hence the spontaneous uprisings for Gen. GRANT, which are without precedent in our political history. They did not originate with politicians, and cannot be controlled by schemers.

Informers' Shares.

The question whether the Secretary of the Treasury had any power to make the regulation which he did make in September last as to the share of informers under the Internal Revenue Law, has been brought, as we supposed it would be, before the Courts. We publish this morning a decision of Judge BENEDICT'S, in the Eastern District Court, sustaining the power of the Secretary, though, as the opinion says, "with some doubt." The Judge has not given any of the reasoning which led him to this conclusion.

Congress provided by law that informers should have such share as the Secretary of the Treasury should, by general regulations, appoint; and it seemed fair to infer that when the Secretary had once made such general regulations as he did in August, 1866, his power in the matter was exhausted. The regulations when made became part of the law of the land, just as much as if they had been embraced in the statute itself; and to hold that the Secretary has power to change them, seems to be very like holding that he has power to change the law, which of course he has not. If Congress had said that the share should be such as the Secretary should "*from time to time* appoint," then the case would be clearer. We are sorry not to have the question discussed in the Judge's opinion. Giving a decision without giving the reasons which support it, is not always so satisfactory to others, as it is safe for a Judge.

The Court took occasion in the decision to express an opinion upon the policy of this later regulation, which is worth heeding. The result of the change is to check informations in all cases of small value, because the expenses are apt to eat up all the proceeds and leave nothing whatever for the informer to divide. The inevitable tendency of such a rule must be, where the informer cares more for money than he does for the Government, to impel him in all small cases to make terms with the violators of the law. They can afford to give him something rather than to lose their property, and he can make something by letting the property go, but can make nothing by having it seized and condemned. It seems quite plain that so long as it is the policy of the law to encourage informations, this provision of the Secretary's regulation contravenes that policy.

The American Postal Service—The Postmaster-General's Report.

When the Postmaster-General, in his report, dryly states the aggregate length of the mail routes in operation to be 203,245 miles, and the increase during the year of the length of routes to be 22,324 miles, we discover at once the fundamental difference between the postal service in America and in the smaller countries of Western Europe; and we discover why it is a much harder thing to make the receipts balance the expenditures than in densely populated nations with limited territories. It will be seen, by reference to the details in the report itself, that the excess of the expenditures over the receipts for the current fiscal year (including the special appropriations for the California, China and Brazil mails) amounts, in fact, to about $6,000,000; and yet, except in some minor items, there is no waste, and the service is managed with skill, efficiency and comprehensive economy.

Mr. RANDALL discusses a large number of measures relating to the conduct of his Department, and offers a great amount of information in reference to extending and perfecting the postal service. He gives details of the rates of pay on the different routes and by the various means of transportation. He discourses upon new routes, extensions of routes and changes of routes. He indicates a large number of improvements that have been effected, or are projected in matters that tend to facilitate postal communication. He enlarges upon the foreign mail service and the new postal conventions that have been negotiated with various countries of Europe. He produces interesting facts concerning our postal intercourse with China, Japan, South America and other distant regions of the globe. He refers to the connection of the telegraphic system with the postal service. And in regard to all matters that affect this important and extensive department of the public service, he gives facts and statements, clear and satisfactory.

We consider that Mr. RANDALL is perfectly justified in saying that it cannot be anticipated that the revenues of the Department can equal its necessary expenditures, while the service is being constantly increased, at great cost, to meet the wants of the people in sparsely settled Territories. Until the whole country is well settled by a stable, producing, thrifty population, it cannot be assumed, with certainty, that the Post-office Department can become self-sustaining. New channels of postal communication are opening everywhere, and necessary expenses grow faster than legitimate revenue increases. When the waste country becomes better settled, and the facilities for mail transportation increased and cheapened, as they will be in a very few years, the increase of revenues and comparative decrease of carrying expenses will entirely change the relation of the taxes and resources of the Department, and, at the present rates of postage, it will not only be self-sustaining, but furnish no inconsiderable revenue to the Government. There is no appropriation of public money which brings back, directly and indirectly, so large a return to the Government and the people as that made in aid of the postal service.

The report speaks of the great increase in the frequency of our mail communication with Europe, and of the prospect that even our present facilities will be much enlarged. Previous to the present year a semi-weekly mail only was dispatched between this country and Europe, the sailing days from each side being Wednesday and Saturday. During this year a third weekly service has been established, and next year a fourth weekly service will be added, all by fast steamships of the first-class, and the period is not distant when a regular daily mail communication will be maintained across the Atlantic.

Mr. RANDALL closes his report with some remarks on a subject to which we have often directed the notice of the American people, and to which we have attempted to call the attention of Congress—we refer to the duty of encouraging American ships in the carrying of mails between this and other countries. The ocean mail service, as he says, is performed to a very great extent by foreign ships, and he urges that the commercial and postal interests of the country ought to be made aids to each other—that some encouragement ought to be given in some way to our own ship-builders, and citizens engaged in ocean commerce, to build ships, and buy ships, and own ships, to be used in our own business. We think that even the present Congress, with the weighty matters it has to consider, might find the opportunity of giving a moment's thought to this important branch of our American interests.

A Clear Case of Duty.

The *Evening Post* gives the following statement of an incident which, it says, has recently fallen "under our notice:"

"A Government officer obtained proof that a heavy dealer swindled the Government. He called on the latter, and *intimated that he must be paid handsomely, otherwise he would inform on him.* The dealer excused himself at the time on the plea of business, and said if his friend would call in the afternoon he would talk to him. The greedy officer called in the afternoon, and after having made a plain demand for blackmail, a brother of the dealer stepped from a closet, where he had heard the conversation. *The officer's mouth was effectually closed, and it did not cost anything to do it.*

We submit that if the *Post* knows this to be true, its duty is to report forthwith to the proper department the name of the officer whose conduct is so minutely described. If it does not know it to be true, it should not have published it. The officers of the Government ought not to be involved in so sweeping a condemnation. The guilty party should be promptly exposed and properly punished.

The Pope's Plan.

A dispatch from Rome announces that "His Holiness the Pope has taken measures to materially strengthen the Papal army." This certainly is about the most preposterous thing that even the Pope could do. His army, which is some ten to twelve thousand strong, has not only shown itself incapable of defending him against any organized force, but even against such revolutionary bands as were led by GARIBALDI. Twice during his pontificate has he been attacked, twice has his army proved itself incompetent, and twice have French troops come to his rescue. If he had any means of raising an army large enough to defend his claims to sovereign power, there might be some sense in his taking measures to strengthen it. But as Italy is the only Power from which he is in any danger, and as he cannot possibly raise in his limited dominions a military force one-twentieth as strong as that which VICTOR EMMANUEL keeps under arms, his plan of adding a few thousand to his little army, or even of doubling it, has no significance whatever in relation to any adversary he can encounter. In his own territories the Pope can raise but very few more soldiers than he has now got; and the poor success he has always met with in raising mercenaries in other countries, is not such as to give him any encouragement. Moreover he has no money to pay troops, and can in no way raise it. Every possible scheme is constantly tried to raise means for the Pope, by loans, by subscriptions, by begging and by Peter's pence. But the result of all this ceaseless scramble for money is that the Pope cannot get out of debt, cannot fulfill his obligations, and cannot raise enough to pay his current expenses. Why then should the Pope make a pretence to military power when he could neither raise an army nor pay it, when it is never of any service to him, and when its increase would only add to his weakness?

A thousand soldiers would be as useful to the Pope as the ten thousand he now has; and a hundred would be as valuable as a thousand. The smallest number would serve as a symbol of his Temporal authority, a sign of his Sovereign power—would bear aloft his flag and indicate the basis of his rights. They would be no less powerless against his enemies than his present army, and they would no less quickly attract the aid of France and the sympathy of the Catholic world, whenever the Pope gets into difficulties. If he were to reduce his army to the size of that of the Duchess of Gerolstein, it would subserve all his purposes quite as well as his present expensive and worthless force.

It is probable, however, that in announcing his purpose to materially strengthen his army, the Pope has another end to serve. He has taken this means of indicating to the Catholic world, in view of the forthcoming Conference, that he does not intend to weaken the Temporal Power, but to maintain, strengthen and defend it. He does not intend to lower his standard, to surrender his authority, or to decrease by one iota his claims, but, on the contrary, to uphold and strengthen them. If he falls, he will fall asserting his sovereign rights. If NAPOLEON tries to show that with a speck for a dominion and a sham for an army, it would be better for him to give up both, he will point to his recent victories and to his swelling hosts. The increase of the Papal army is the Pope's defiance to Italy, and his ultimatum to the assembled Powers.

The Long Peace in Mexico.

The whole world has been amazed at the long peace which has prevailed in Mexico. A half year of quiet in that country is a historical phenomena rare enough to be worthy of remark and admiration. Were it to endure a year, we should have hope for a hopeless Republic.

There has been a good deal of uneasiness, however, during the prevalence of peace. It has been felt by many Mexicans to be unnatural, improper and unnecessary. Why should there not be fighting? There are still lead and powder in the world, and there are still unshot men in Mexico. There are still plenty of causes for revolution—as many causes, in fact, as there are Mexicans; and as long as any of these remain unsettled, it is absurd that anybody should rust in idleness.

This feeling has feebly broken out into action several times of late. The patriotic guerrillas, beside their regular avocations on the highway, have seized and sacked a number of towns, and a few leaders have kept us in mind of the fact that they were prepared to defend "God and Liberty" by an onslaught upon the tyrants.

At last we hear from the State of Durango that BANQUO and ESTAS have pronounced against JUAREZ, and in favor of an independent Republic, have defeated the troops sent against them, and are reported to be in league with ORTEGA, PATONIS and PLACIDO VAJA. All the Northern and Western States are expected to join the revolution. We are further told by a Mazatlan letter that Gen. MARTANZA wants the Governorship of the State, and, if not nominated by the Legislature, he will assume the government by force, being at the head of the army. The lately dismissed soldiers of JUAREZ, it is said, will undoubtedly play an important part, siding with the party that pays the most, and plundering the inhabitants.

We may consider, therefore, that after the long peace, Mexico is again beginning to get itself into its regular condition. The other threatened outbreaks in other localities are now in order. If, now, our Government will loan JUAREZ twelve millions of dollars, there will be no difficulty in his prosecuting the war till it is used up.

Ideas of Architecture.

Mr. CONTBEARE, in the London *Fortnightly Review*, is suggesting a new building material and style for the public structures and streets of the metropolis—a place where "the fog and filthy air," like that which the witches in "Macbeth" are accustomed to "hover through," destroy whatever architectural effects the taste of the city has been able to produce. Nature never intended the ambient air of the Thames to be very brilliant, and the smoke of a hundred thousand fires has made bad worse, and rendered the London atmosphere proverbial for its opaque and sooty qualities. The effect of such an air on the marble, granite and ornaments of the public buildings gives them a stained and dirty look, and men of taste have been long meditating something in the shape of remedy. Mr. CONTBEARE, quoting Mr. MERIVALE and others, is for covering all facades and ornamented walls with vitrified brick or porcelain, such as would resist the moisture of the climate and the corroding smoke, and be kept clean by the showers.

It has been objected that the glazed brick or porcelain tiles would have an unpleasant glistening effect, but it is found that Persian and other Oriental architecture, in which such a material is employed, has nothing disagreeable in it to the eye. The Orientals like that gleaming appearance, while our ideas prefer a dead smoothness of surface.

Another suggestion of Mr. CONTBEARE is that the exterior of these porcelain-coated buildings should receive the ornament of color, chiefly to supply those strong effects of light and shade which are wanting in a dull atmosphere. Cleanliness and color are the two improvements he would provide for. These notions jar, of course, against the old English ideas, which are our own in a great measure also. But such suggestions are well worth considering. Our buildings have not so much need of the porcelain coating, in an atmosphere which is neither foggy nor sooty. But the grace of color is another thing. Colors are the most beautiful objects in the world, and could be employed with good effect in our architecture, whether of the houses or public buildings. In Italy and Germany that fashion of coloring the outside of houses is a frequent one, and its effect is very agreeable. A house thus treated seems twice as warm and comfortable, and has twice the home-look of a house dressed in its mere masonry, shingles, or Puritanical brick-work; and ornamental villas could be greatly improved in appearance by the tasteful use of color. Color is employed with the finest effect, as everybody knows, in Catholic churches, palaces, and other great public buildings, and there is no reason why it should not produce a fine effect on exteriors also. We, as a people, like most European races, have a curious prejudice against colors, the cause of which philosophy should endeavor to find out. In our costumes we carefully eschew it, loving a dark or drab-colored monotony of style, and but for the ladies and their truer and happier ideas of the beautiful and the agreeable, we should be a very sad-looking population indeed, both in the streets and the houses.

MINOR TOPICS.

Mr. SCHENCK'S attempt yesterday to introduce the sale of "beer and malt liquors" within the walls of Congress, was adroitly commended to the House by the circumstance that it was a *black man* who was to be allowed the privilege of supplying members with these beverages. The circumstance may possibly palliate the affair somewhat; but even allowing it all due force, we are inclined to look on the project with suspicion. It is a case in which there is reason to suspect that there may be two Africans in the fence. There is, firstly, the beer-vending African himself, who is a real, palpable, tangible, undeniable, confessed darkey; but then can we not imagine that behind this son of Ham, with his elevated beer-bottle, there may be in the fence another shadowy child of Canaan with a whisky-bottle in his coat-tail? If one African is allowed to disport himself in presence of Congress, why not the other? If a mug of beer is in order, why not a tumbler of punch? If malt liquors, why not vinous liquors? In fact, we expect to see the present proposition of Mr. SCHENCK quickly followed by another of a similar hue but a slightly stronger odor. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the House will be watchful of the approach of the African within its walls under this pretence, though he may have the run of the floor under all other circumstances.

If the desires of Mr. SUMNER are carried out, this Congress will now remain in perpetual session until Mr. JOHNSON'S term expires. He was unwilling that there should even be an interval of an hour on Monday between the closing of one session and the opening of another. The "bad man" in the White House might seize the opportunity furnished by that very hour to do some irretrievable harm to the country. Congress therefore must not think of adjourning over the holidays; for if the country is endangered by leaving JOHNSON unguarded for an hour, what an uproar he may create if he has a week in which to smash things! It might be well for Congress to appoint Mr. SUMNER himself as a special committee to remain in perpetual session watching JOHNSON, with power to supercede him at any time he may be caught in an attempt to overthrow the foundations of the Government. In no other way can it be considered safe for people to sleep in the dark.

At each of our City elections now a score or two of men are arrested by the Police for voting illegally, or for attempting to do so. We are glad to see the Police so attentive in this matter, and it is our opinion that illegal voting has now become so dangerous that very few try it. The papers in other localities are forever talking about our City elections as if vast numbers of fraudulent ballots were cast at each of them; and the *Tribune* constantly gives countenance to this balderdash by referring to our "thousands" and "tens of thousands" of swindling voters. On the contrary, we believe it has now come to pass that the purity of our ballot-box is very closely guarded in this respect, and that a man who attempts to vote illegally is more likely to be caught and incarcerated in this City than anywhere else.

We suppose that the action of the Senate in reference to the confirmation of the treaty for the purchase of the Danish West India Islands of St. Thomas and St. Johns will depend somewhat on the price which Denmark demands for them—of which the President gave no hint in that part of his message announcing the cession. If the terms are reasonable, the treaty will doubtless be confirmed; for of the value of these islands to us in commercial and military points of view there can be no dispute. It has always been the policy of our Government to procure territory when it could be purchased—as appears from our negotiations with France, Spain, Mexico, Russia and England. We have as yet made no unsuccessful bargains, but every new cession has added to the greatness, strength, glory and wealth of our country. The President agrees with our early statesmen, who saw that the fortunes of the West Indies were linked with those of this country; and it is important that when we have an opportunity of taking our first step toward their possession, we should not treat the subject with haste, levity or partisanship. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the demands of Denmark are not exorbitant, nor its terms repulsive.

The Citizens' Association have asked the Metropolitan Fire Commissioners for a conference in relation to the sum that will be required by the Fire Department for the coming year. The proposition has been acceded to. This body do well to turn their attention now to the City Commissions that are under the jurisdiction of the State. Reform and economy are required in these as well as in those branches of local administration that are under the immediate control of the City. The Metropolitan Fire Department has been particularly expensive during its brief existence, and though this is partly accounted for by the necessities of organization, and the inefficiency of the original managers, yet it is time that there should be some attempts at retrenchment, and especially, as Mr. PETER COOPER remarks, in view of our heavy taxes and the depressed condition of business, which renders their payment a great hardship to many of our citizens. We hope that the Citizens' Association will, in like manner, take up all our other Commissions, and see if some diminution in their expenditures cannot be effected.

Constitution tinkering has begun promptly in Congress. Already Mr. ASHLEY has introduced a joint resolution for a Constitutional Amendment, describing and defining who citizens are, and making certain citizens "electors" where they reside. The object, as the amendment shows, is to introduce negro suffrage everywhere. Now, why will not some gentleman propose an amendment inforcing an "Excise" Law throughout the States, North and South? It may be said, among other things, that it would be a mere waste of labor, but so is Mr. ASHLEY'S amendment. Negro suffrage at the North and prohibitory liquor laws were both put at issue in the late campaign. It is as idle to revive one question by Congressional action as the other. Is it because of his devotion to securing to the States a "republican form of government," that Mr. ASHLEY wishes to legislatively yoke upon all the loyal States an electoral system which some of them have just repudiated so thoroughly?

Congress so far outshines the Constitutional Convention that some people may have forgotten that the taper of the latter still fitfully flickers. Burn it does, though noticeable chiefly for constantly threatening to go out. As nearly as we can make it out, its principal occupations are, first, meeting to count noses and find there is no quorum—thereupon adjourning; and secondly, devising pains and penalties for delinquents. On Tuesday, for example, Mr. GOULD moved to have the roll called every noon and the "certificate of attendance withheld" from all members not responding. But the same night no less important a subject coming up for decision than the uniform taxation of all property of every sort throughout the State, the vote on the amendment showed that no quorum was present. Mr. GOULD wanted the roll called, but the Convention gave it up as a bad job, and adjourned. The other day, Mr. EDDY moved to make members absent at the opening of each day's session, forfeit the day's pay. Mr. CASH'S plan was to require delegates who had been absent to *pay back* what they had already received in diurnal wages during absence, into the Treasury. But Mr. MORRIS'S view prevailed—namely to "lay the subject on the table till the 24th of December." So the Convention struggles along. Should it then fail in its work, the verdict must be, "Died from want of a quorum."

When Gen. HANCOCK took command of the Fifth District, superceding SHERIDAN, his order was very significant. Not so much perhaps by its language, but by its entire spirit, it denoted at least a partial change in policy. It dwelt on the "civil" half of that *divisum imperium* that reigns there, more than on the military. It did not exalt the civil functions above the military, but it purposely called attention to the former. A still more significant move has just been made by Gen. HANCOCK. Gen. MOWER is relieved from duty as Commander of the District of Louisiana, and Lieut.-Col. W. H. WOOD, First Infantry, is appointed in his stead. Gen. MOWER, an excellent officer in the field, has been noticeably active in carrying out the policy of Gens. SHERIDAN and GRIFFIN in Louisiana, and more particularly in the matter of the removal of civil officers. Among the most marked instances of Gen. MOWER'S policy was the removal of Mr. CAZABAT from the position of Judge of the Second Judicial District Court of Louisiana, and the appointment of R. KING CUTLER in his place. The day before the removal of Gen. MOWER, Gen. HANCOCK revoked this appointment, and on the day succeeding he reappointed CAZABAT. It is clear enough that Gen. HANCOCK is disposed to pursue a policy different in some respects from that of his predecessors.

The *Evening Post* is giving the managers of our City railroads information and advice about providing means to keep passengers' feet warm in the cars. This is very praiseworthy—because it is so generous, and will be so useless. What has the *Post* ever seen to induce it to suppose that our City railroad companies *wish* to provide for the comfort of their passengers, either in the matter of warming their feet or anything else? Do the pendent straps on which, as well as from which, passengers are required to depend, look like it?

AMUSEMENTS.

Academy of Music.

The old say about two removes being as bad as a fire, don't appear to hold good so far as plays are concerned, at least. The "Devil's Auction," which for some unexplained reason is now called "The Golden Branch," was produced at the Academy of Music, Tuesday evening, before an audience that crowded every part of the building. The change of locality seems only to have helped the piece to new popularity. The ballet that was originally engaged to appear in the piece at the Olympic—where Mr. DE POL formerly designed having the piece brought out—and the dramatic company which appeared at Banvard's Museum during the representations of the spectacle at that establishment, fulfilled their former mild duties on this occasion. The performances of all parties were warmly applauded. Mlles. MORLACCHI, SOHLKE and BLASINA, however, carried off most of the flowers and received the only recalls. The majority of the scenes displayed were the very familiar Academy scenes, but the new fountain, with its many-hued jets dancing to the merry music of the orchestra, is a novel scenic effect that is attractive enough to bind the spectators in their seats till the fall of the curtain. The spectacle will be repeated to-night.

Last evening the opera of "Il Trovatore" was given for the last time, with Mme. KAPP-YOUNG as the *prima donna*. There was a fine house for the season, and Mme. YOUNG'S *Leonora* seemed to please her audience. On Friday the closing evening of opera will occur, and on Saturday next the farewell *matinée*. This evening, the farewell of the opera in Brooklyn will introduce "Romeo and Juliet" to that public.

Steinway Hall.

Mr. JEROME HOPKINS' concert in behalf of his Orpheon Schools, Tuesday evening, at this hall, had a large audience. Sig. SALCEDO'S performance of DE BERIOT'S fifth concerto for the cornet, the two arias—"Sweet Spirit," by WALLACE, and GRAHAM'S "Farewell"—and Miss ELLA BURNS' recitations were the best applauded pieces in the programme. Miss BURNS is a charming little reader; her manner is entirely natural, and her method is devoid of most of those conventional gestures and tricks of the voice which make public speaking by the precocious so often painful. She recited WILLIS' "Parrhasius" and READE'S "Sheridan's Ride." Mr. HOPKINS' next concert is set down for the 7th of January.

The ninth Sunday concert, given by Mr. HARRISON, at Steinway Hall, introduced Miss JENNY BURR to the New-York public, after a long absence. The signs of improvement in this lady's voice since she last sung here are many; her method is much purer now, though perhaps a little too exact. The benefit of her foreign schooling shone forth mostly in the aria from the "Magic Flute." Her fluency in various languages was displayed in pieces from the Italian, French and German. Her reception was most hearty. Mr. DE MEYER also had a welcome back which must have inspired him, for he never before seemed so eloquent at the piano.

Mr. OSCAR PFEIFFER'S farewell concert will take place at Steinway Hall this evening. The programme arranged for the occasion is one of rare excellence. Mme. ALTIERI, Mr. WILHELM FORMES and the brothers LISTEMAN are named for favorite performances.

The next of Mr. THEODORE THOMAS' symphony *soirées* is set down for Saturday evening at Steinway Hall. Mr. THOMAS' orchestra of eighty will have congenial duty, and Mr. LEOPOLD DE MEYER will be the soloist of the *soirée*.

The Philharmonic Society give their first public rehearsal for the second concert of this season on Friday afternoon at the Academy.

French Theatre.

Mr. BATEMAN has engaged for the "Grand Duchess of Gerolstein" a new *prima donna*, Mlle. LONGCHAMPS, who will make her *début* this evening.

"The Tower of London" will be produced on Saturday evening by the French dramatic company.

Dodworth's Hall—Nast's Caricaturama.

Last evening an entertainment was given for the first time in this City (and, we believe, in any place) under the title of *Nast's Caricaturama*. The amusement furnished consists of some thirty-three pictures in water color, nine by twelve feet each in size, which are arranged to pass before the audience like the ordinary panoramic view. A reader stands on the platform who discourses on each illustration, and a pianist furnishes a verse of some appropriate air at each change of subject. The whole entertainment is unpretentious. The paintings are all caricatures by means of which it is intended to give a comic pictorial history of recent American events. The spirit of the subjects is deeply radical and rather "sarkastical," as Artemus Ward used to say—toward the South, Southerners, JEFF. DAVIS and other well known persons. Some of the designs are not of a mirthful order by any means, as "Andersonville" and "Emancipation," while others are grotesquely funny. The effect of the lecture accompanying each picture was somewhat marred by the nervousness of the reader, but there are some very good points in it. The hall was not crowded, but the auditors applauded warmly, and there is little doubt but that Mr. NAST'S entertainment—which certainly has the extreme rare merit of being novel—will command its own good audiences in the face of the very varied programme of amusements now open in New-York.

New-York Theatre.

The drama of "Under the Gaslight" was reproduced at the New-York Theatre, last evening, before a very crowded audience, which appeared to receive the now familiar sensation scenes and droll incidents of this play with as hearty and constant applause as any that ever rewarded their good performance during the former very remarkable run of the piece. Mr. J. K. MORTIMER as *Snorkey*—the youth who is almost immolated by the "wondrous railroad"—and Miss IRENE WORRELL as *Laura*—the lady who rescues him; Mr. PARSLOE as *Bermudas*, Mr. G. H. CLARKE as *Trafford*, Miss SOPHIE WORRELL as the pretty but heartless *Pearl*, and Miss JENNIE WORRELL as *Peachblossom*, the pert—divided the honors, the recalls and *encores* of the evening, which were both numerous and spontaneous. Several new scenes have been painted for the piece, and one—a view of the beach at Long Branch by sunset—is quite pre-Raphaelelish. The railroad train, as usual, won an emphatic *encore*. The piece will be repeated every evening this week and Saturday afternoon.

WASHINGTON.

AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Republican Congressional Committee was held in the Hall of the House of Representatives to-night, at which were present about eighty Representatives and less than twenty Senators. The meeting was called at 8 o'clock, Senator MORGAN being appointed Chairman, and Mr. CULLUM, of Illinois, Secretary. Owing to the late hour of serving the notices, many members of the House, as well as Senators, were not apprised of the meeting, and hence were not present. Gen. SCHENCK, Chairman of the Congressional Committee, made a very long statement of the work of the Committee in the various States during the Summer, giving an account of the number of speeches made, documents distributed, and the amount of money contributed and expended, with a concise report of the entire labor of the Committee since its organization. He dwelt especially on the unexpected intelligence the colored race had shown in their intercourse with the agents of the Committee during the campaign; and from the large number of let

bill passed last year expired by limitation July 1, 1867, and the clerks are clamorous for a reenactment. Gen. GRANT indorses the movement in the following words: "Believing that the circumstances under which the additional compensation was given, and the reasons for giving it, have full as much force now as then, I earnestly recommend the subject to the favorable consideration of Congress."

THE INDIAN COMMISSION.

Gen. SHERMAN is expected to arrive here to-morrow, and the balance of the members of the Indian Commission will reach here before Monday, at which time a meeting of the Commission will be held, preliminary to making a report to the President to be referred to Congress. The recommendations which the Commission will make in their report are not yet definitely known, but it is understood that a majority of the seven members thereof are strongly against the movement to transfer the Indian Bureau to the War Department. A part of the members will doubtless urge its formation into a separate and independent department, like that of the Agricultural Bureau.

THE SUSPENSION OF COLLECTOR CALLICOT.

The President, to-day, sent to the Senate the notice of the suspension of EX-Collector CALLICOT, with the reasons therefor, the latter consisting of a voluminous package of official reports from the Metropolitan Revenue Board and the law officers of the Government in New-York. Several other like suspensions in the Revenue service were submitted.

THE CASE OF FITZ-JOHN PORTER.

The immediate object of the bill introduced by Gen. GARFIELD in the House a day or two since, and referred to the Military Committee, is to effect specially the case of FITZ-JOHN PORTER. The President holds that he has the power to reinstate an officer cashiered the service by sentence of a General Court-martial without his name being sent to the Senate for confirmation. While this bill will prevent the reinstatement of any officer, except by consent of the Senate, the Committee will doubtless report favorably upon the bill.

GEN. MOWER.

The relieving of Gen. MOWER by Gen. HANCOCK from duty in Louisiana, is in accordance with a desire expressed by Gen. MOWER some time since, and to enable him to enjoy a leave of absence which has been granted him.

COLORED INVENTORS.

The colored race are coming forward as inventors, and the Patent Office report shows that during the past year several have applied to the Patent Office for patents on their own inventions.

THE CONVENTION CARRIED IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Official information from Gen. CANBY's headquarters, received here to-night, is to the effect that a Convention in South Carolina is probably called, notwithstanding the apparent failure at first indicated. The returns from the interior show that a larger vote was polled in the upper counties than on the sea-coast. The Convention in North Carolina will probably be fixed for the early part of January, and that for South Carolina somewhat later in the same month.

PERSONAL.

Hon. G. W. SCHOFIELD, of Pennsylvania, is still detained at home by the continued illness of his wife. Col. E. W. DENNIS, Judge-Advocate-General of the Second Military District, arrived in the city this evening on business connected with that department. Hon. DARWIN A. FINNEY, Representative from the Venango District, Pennsylvania, lies seriously ill in Switzerland, and has had indefinite leave of absence granted him.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

THE MOTLEY CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary of State sent to the Senate to-day additional correspondence between himself and Mr. MOTLEY. Mr. SEWARD wrote to him April 18, last, that his (MOTLEY's) resignation was accepted, and instructed him to turn over the affairs of the Legation to the Secretary. MOTLEY, on June 15, presented his letter of recall to the Emperor, who, in reply to the kindly feelings expressed, regretted that Mr. MOTLEY was about to sever his diplomatic relations with that Government, and said that he deeply and earnestly appreciated the humane interference on the part of the United States with Mexico in behalf of the Emperor's brother, MAXIMILIAN.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WEST POINT.

Gen. GRANT sent to the House to-day a letter recommending the passage of a law, that the Superintendent of the West Point Military Academy rank as a Major-General; that a Board of Visitors be authorized to report upon the actual state of the discipline at that establishment; and among other provisions, that no candidate for admission who has been rejected upon his examination, shall be reappointed within two years.

THE QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

A letter from the Quartermaster-General was also submitted, asking an appropriation of $13,500,000 to supply deficiencies of the department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868.

PARDONED REBELS.

A communication was also sent to the House from the Attorney-General, accompanied by a final list of pardons of rebels in Alabama, Virginia, West Virginia and Georgia, from April, 1865, to July, 1867. The pardons were of those who took part in the rebellion worth over $20,000, postmasters, agents, contractors, &c. The number is probably three or four thousand since the former reports.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The President to-day sent into the Senate a number of appointments to the Treasury Department mainly, and of cases under the Tenure of Office Bill, including the cases of Collector CALLICOTT, of the Third New-York District, and Collector JONES, of Richmond.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Mr. HOWE, of Wisconsin, appeared in his seat this morning for the first time.

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTED.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Legislature of the State of Nebraska, transmitting a joint resolution ratifying the amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution. Also, resolutions from a Convention of Federal soldiers of Kentucky, requesting that certain property in the hands of the Governor of Kentucky, shall not be allowed to pass into the hands of disloyal persons.

POINT SAN JOSE RESERVATION.

On motion of Mr. CONNESS, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Secretary of War be requested to communicate to the Senate copies of any reports in the War Department from the commanding officers of the Division of the Pacific, concerning the reduction of the military reservation of Point San José, together with copies of any maps connected with such report.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

On motion of Mr. SUMNER it was

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate if, in his opinion, it is not incompatible with the public interests, copies of any correspondence between the Government of the United States and the Government of Great Britain, relating to existing claims of these Governments on each other.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mr. DRAKE offered the following concurrent resolution in relation to the annual Message of the President of the United States:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the President of the United States, in declaring in his annual Message to the two Houses of Congress, at the present session, that the acts heretofore passed by these Houses relative to the reconstruction of the insurrectionary States are not only objectionable for their assumption of ungranted power, but many of their provisions are in conflict with the direct prohibitions of the Constitution, and that those acts are also plainly unconstitutional as any that can be imagined, has transcended the just limits of his constitutional prerogative to give the Congress information of the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient: that the use of such language by him in his official character is in our judgment calculated to derogate from the rightful authority of the law-making power of the nation, and to incite insubordination if not violent resistence to laws which is his duty as President to take care shall be faithfully executed; that, as between the Congress and the President, the former is the exclusive and final judge in the first instance of the conformity of its acts to the Constitution, and that when any act has been passed by two-thirds of both Houses over the President's objections, any subsequent official denouncement of it by him as unconstitutional, in the absence of any adjudication to that effect by the Supreme Judiciary of the nation, is a departure from official propriety, and a breach of official obligation justifying and calling for distinct reprehension on the part of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. ANTHONY said, if Congress printed nothing but what it approved, there would be a great economy.

Mr. CAMERON agreed with the message in one respect: that it recommended economy in public expenditures, and he thought it would be well to begin at this point to correct what had grown to be a bad habit. The message had already been widely published. Even years ago the expenses for Congressional printing were seven or eight hundred thousand dollars. He intended to advocate economy, and would begin here.

Mr. ANTHONY said perhaps the Senator would vote to print that part of which he approved. The printing of Congress, it was not generally understood, apart from the increased price of paper, cost no more now than many years ago, when there were fewer documents. What swelled the printing bills was the printing of the Departments, particularly that of the Internal Revenue Department, which although it might be done more cheaply elsewhere, was done here because of the necessary uniformity in blanks, &c.

Mr. SUMNER moved to strike out the part of the resolution referring to the President's Message, so that extra copies of the Department reports alone should be printed. Unquestionably the message was a libel, and an incendiary document, calculated to stimulate the rebellion once more and provoke civil war—a direct appeal to the worst passions and prejudices of rebels—an evidence of a direct coalition between the President and them. JEFFERSON DAVIS, whose successor ANDREW JOHNSON was, would send just such a message were he President. He hoped money would not be taken from the Treasury to circulate such an offensive document, so well calculated to arouse the worst passions throughout the rebel States.

Mr. BUCKALEW would be happy to agree with his colleagues on the subject of economy in public expenditures, but in this case he believed the only cost would be the press-work and paper, the composition being already done. The President had submitted an argument against the constitutionality of certain laws enacted in March and July last. This was perfectly legitimate, and to call it a libel was a wrong use of terms. It was not improper in him to call them so, and appeal to Congress to repeal them. If Congress disagreed with him, the people would decide between them. The President had given his views clearly on the condition of the country, and the legislation upon the subject by Congress, and doubtless in the course of the session many members would express themselves with equal warmth on the other side of the question of reconstruction.

Mr. WILSON characterized the message as an assault upon Congress for attempting to take from rebels in the South power which had been placed in their hands by the President, who had himself exercised in 1865 all the powers that Congress exercised in 1867. The question before the country was the two policies; that of the President having placed the Governments at the South in the hands of successful treason, and the freedman into a condition of servitude, whose very air the usurping rebels breathed; and another policy of reconstruction which, after a full trial, had resulted in peace and order all over those States. He read from the report of the superintendent of the Freedmen's Bureau in Alabama, Gen. SWAINE, in support of his assertion. The one policy put the power into the hands of rebels, the other into the hands of loyal men. Congress knew what it would adhere to its policy, and it would be consummated, and between now and next 4th of July those States would be represented in Congress by loyal men. The President's Message did contain a libel in saying the black men were not fit to exercise the franchise. The rebel papers and WADE HAMPTON had in 1865, 465,000 men who wanted their votes. Though the black man had been threatened with dreadful evils if they did not vote with their old masters, they remained loyal and faithful, and had shown themselves capable to vote. Whoever said otherwise did slander them and would yet be rebuked by their representatives in Congress. Then it would be a sense of shame would kick them or push them out of these halls. He saw no reason, however, for refusing to print the Message; it would soon appear before the country which was right.

Mr. DIXON said, if it were possible to suppress the Message, he should not be surprised that representatives of a minority of the people, according to the latest decision, were in order to prevent the arguments of the President's Message from coming before the country. It could not now be suppressed, however. The Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. SUMNER) had denounced the President as a traitor.

Mr. SUMNER—No, Sir; I said he was the successor of JEFFERSON DAVIS.

Mr. DIXON said that amounted to the same thing, and that in so expressing himself, the Senator had perpetrated more of a libel than was contained in the message. Mr. DIXON went on to argue in favor of the message until he was cut short by the announcement of the expiration of the morning hour, by the gavel of the President *pro tem.*, who said that the unfinished business of yesterday—the joint resolution pledging the faith of the United States to the payment of the national debt in coin or its equivalent—was in order.

Mr. TRUMBULL moved to suspend the regular order for the purpose of allowing the Senator to proceed.

Mr. SUMNER thought as the only subject involved a proposition which must result in substantial advantage to the country, and the other was profitless, the regular order should not be postponed. The Senate agreed to suspend the order, and Mr. DIXON continued reading from the Message and defending it. The President, in saying certain laws were unconstitutional, had not expressed himself more strongly than had Senators on the floor in regard to such laws. The negroes, as the Message said, were put in power in the South.

Mr. EDWARDS asked if, according to the registration, the negroes were in the majority in any Southern State.

Mr. DIXON thought the whites might be in a majority, but the blacks voted in a body, and the result was their supremacy, though an actual minority; clothing the blacks, therefore, with such power, was essentially placing the South under their control.

Mr. HOWARD, of Michigan, interrupted Mr. DIXON to say that, while he did not say he President was libelous in claiming that he was the defender of the Constitution, he did consider it arrogant; the President was no more the defender of the Constitution than he (Mr. HOWARD) was.

Mr. DIXON read from the Presidential oath the clause promising to defend the Constitution, and asked if that did not justify the President in the use of the term. Senators took a different oath. He thought the message correct in its language though somewhat warm, perhaps, in view of the fact of the recent condemnation by the people of the Congressional policy. He spoke at some length, referring to recent elections and their lessons, taking up Connecticut, Maine, California, Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, New-York and Massachusetts, and closing by reminding the Senate of Gen. GRANT's declaration, that the will of the people was the law of the land.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. HOWARD obtained the floor but gave way to Mr. WILSON, who introduced a bill to extend the provisions of the pension laws to Provost Marshals, Deputy Provost Marshals and enrolling officers, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions. He also introduced an act to amend the act providing for the more efficient government of the rebel States, passed March 7, 1867, stating that it authorized a majority of those voting to call a Convention, instead of requiring a majority of those registered. The bill was referred.

Mr. TRUMBULL introduced a bill, which was adopted, declaring what shall constitute a quorum of the supreme Court of the United States. He stated when the Supreme Court consisted of ten Judges, six had been required as a majority. Now that there were but eight, the bill provided that five should be considered a majority.

The Committee on Judiciary was discharged, on motion of Mr. TRUMBULL, from the further consideration of a petition in regard to the neglect of certain turnpike companies in Washington. He stated that sufficient power in the premises existed in the Levy Court.

CAPTURED AND ABANDONED PROPERTY.

On motion of Mr. CONNESS, the order to print the reply of the Secretary of the Treasury to the resolution of inquiry in regard to the amount received from captured and abandoned property, which had been rescinded on his motion, was renewed.

SPECIE PAYMENTS.

Mr. EDMUNDS' bill in respect to specie payment, above referred to, was then taken up. Mr. EDMUNDS said it was important that Congress should now declare itself on this question, and such was the intention of the bill. It had been said that such a declaration before the debt had become due was premature, but the condition of the country required this explicit declaration now. The debt was owing in good hard money. It was argued that a new loan would soon be negotiated, and it could be obtained on better terms if the threat to pay this debt in currency was kept impending, but no honorable man could defend such a course. After a lengthy argument from Mr. EDMUNDS in support of his bill, the Senate held a short executive session and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. FRENCH, of the Freedmen's Bureau.

The galleries were crowded with spectators, in expectation of the impeachment question being before the House.

NATIONAL BANK DEPOSITS.

Mr. KELLEY offered a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report the amount of funds which remained on deposit in the National Banks on the 1st of each month, from the 30th June, 1866, to the 31st October, 1867.

Mr. ELDRIDGE suggested that the amount held in each bank be specified.

Mr. KELLEY agreed to modify the resolution accordingly, and the resolution was adopted.

THE COLORED RESTAURANT OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. SCHENCK, after a preliminary explanation, offered a resolution to renew the contract with PENNY, the colored man who keeps the House Restaurant, at $200 per year, and that he be allowed to sell beer and malt liquors.

Mr. DIXON read from the Presidential oath the clause promising to defend the Constitution, and asked if that did not justify the President in the use of the term. Senators took a different oath. He thought the message correct in its language though somewhat warm, perhaps, in view of the fact of the recent condemnation by the people of the Congressional policy. He spoke at some length, referring to recent elections and their lessons, taking up Connecticut, Maine, California, Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, New-York and Massachusetts, and closing by reminding the Senate of Gen. GRANT's declaration, that the will of the people was the law of the land.

Mr. ELDRIDGE suggested that in view of the late action of Massachusetts, that the rule should be modified. The resolution should be referred to the Committee on Rules.

THE CITIZENSHIP QUESTION.

Mr. CULLOM offered a resolution that

Whereas, the British Government claims exclusive authority to determine the question of validity of American citizenship, that the United States Government recognizes no gradation among American citizens, and declares that all American citizens, whether native or naturalized, are entitled to and shall receive protection from the United States Government; and no claim made by any foreign Government over naturalized American citizens shall be recognized as destroying or weakening the right of such citizens to the protection of the United States. That the United States Government will at all hazards protect the rights of all citizens, whether at home or abroad; and that it is the duty of the President to see to it that American citizens, native born or naturalized, who may be in other lands on lawful pursuits, shall not be unlawfully deprived of their liberties, or subjected to military service, or otherwise deprived of their rights as American citizens.

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

THE REPEAL OF THE COTTON TAX.

The House then took up, as the regular order of business, the bill to repeal the cotton tax.

Mr. GRISWOLD advocated the passage of the bill on the ground that no product of the soil could at present worse bear a direct tax than cotton. The consumption of American cotton in England had diminished forty per cent. He opposed the substitute offered by Mr. BROOKS, making the repeal of the tax apply to the present crop, on the ground that not one-third of the cotton-growers would derive any advantage under it.

Mr. KELLEY spoke in favor of the bill as reported, and declared that if he thought the substitute were practicable he would give it his cheerful support.

Mr. ARCHER advocated the substitute, declaring that not more than one-fifth of the present crop has passed from the hands of the producer; at all events, he contended that the cotton now in the hands of the growers should be exempted.

Mr. MAYNARD opposed the substitute, which he said was merely a question between the Treasury on one hand and cotton speculators and rich growers on the other. As to the original bill, his remarks did not show him very clearly to be on either one side or the other.

Mr. WINDOM sent up and had read by the Clerk a circular extensively circulated in the South by HERSCHEL V. JOHNSON & Co., offering to recover in the Court of Claims all taxes that have been or shall be paid on cotton, in consideration of being allowed to retain one-half the amount recovered.

Mr. BAKER favored the original bill, and gave his reasons therefor; he opposed the substitute for the benefit of the small growers of cotton.

Mr. COVODE gave notice of an amendment to reduce the tax on cotton to one per cent. per pound.

Mr. MCCARTHY opposed the removal of the tax, holding that the tax did not operate as a premium to Indian or Egyptian cotton. The American cotton, he held, was able to bear from three to five cents per pound tax. Half of it was abroad, and this tax made foreign nations contribute to the payment of the national debt. The question should be held in abeyance until the Committee on Ways and Means could show how the deficit of $20,000 000, that would result from the passage of the bill, was to be made good.

Mr. MUNN gave notice of an amendment to the substitute by making the repeal of the tax apply to all cotton on the farms where grown, and which is the property of the producer at the time of the passage of the act. He spoke in support of that proposition.

Mr. BROMWELL, of Illinois, opposed the substitute, holding that of the small producers of cotton not one in a hundred held his cotton to-day without its being subject to such control by factors or merchants as to take it out of his hands. He doubted if one-tenth of the cotton crop of this year was now in the hands of producers.

Mr. MOORHEAD did not suppose there was any danger of the House voting for the substitute, as it had been so clearly shown that that would enure to the benefit of speculators, and not of producers. It was with reluctance he yielded to the removal of the tax at all, but he did so because, if continued, the American cotton would be driven from the markets of Europe. Even a tax of one cent per pound would interfere with its production.

Mr. MILLER gave notice of a motion to recommit the bill, in order that the question may be incorporated in a regular tax bill. He did not know any product that can bear a tax better than cotton. The next movement would be to exempt from taxation sugar, tobacco, and whisky.

Mr. PILE gave notice of an amendment to the original bill by removing the tax from all raw cotton that shall, at the time of its passage, continue to be the property of and in the possession of the producer thereof.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, moved to recommit the bill with instructions to report back an additional section, that the Court of Claims shall not have or entertain jurisdiction of any claim to recover back any tax paid or that be paid on cotton.

Mr. BUTLER spoke in favor of the substitute and argued against the unconstitutionality of the tax. As to the deficit that would be created, he said that if Congress would turn its attention to measures of peace and repeal the military measures of last session it would save from one to two hundred millions a year.

Mr. MARSHALL had always regarded the tax on cotton as a palpable violation of the Constitution, and of every principle of sound policy. The tax should not only be repealed so far as affects future crops, but should take effect instantly. As to the argument that that would benefit speculators, he suggested every change in taxation produced inequality and injustice.

Mr. KELSO had originally opposed the tax on cotton, and was now in favor of its repeal. It was wrong and unjust; had no warrant in the Constitution, and should be repealed. He was in favor of its unconditional repeal, without reference to any collateral issues. In other words, it was never too soon for Congress to take the back track on any unconstitutional and unrighteous law.

Mr. SCHENCK rose to close the debate, and moved the previous question on the amendment. He would not move the previous question on the bill, because he wished to give his colleague (Mr. LAWRENCE) an opportunity of offering his amendment.

The motion to recommit was withdrawn, and the previous question was seconded on the pending amendment.

Mr. SCHENCK said he would not go into the constitutional argument. The tax, he admitted, was an exceptional one, and a departure from the rule of the Government, not to tax agricultural products. As to its being a sectional tax, than, if it were, a tax on coal would be also a sectional tax. He did not base his bill on any such arguments, but simply on the grounds of expediency. He proceeded to argue against the substitute, and stated that from $5,000,000 to $6,000,000 tax had been already paid on the year's crop.

Mr. BARNES asked whether it was not a fact, that it had been understood in the South, since November, that the tax would be removed, and therefore little cotton had been sold since.

Mr. SCHENCK replied in the negative, and stated that it was generally understood and believed that the cotton had gone forward. He argued that the substitute would be no benefit to the laborer, whose interest ended with the gathering of the crop. It might operate beneficially in the cases of a few large growers, who combined the character of merchant and grower; but the small growers, including freedmen, had been compelled to sell early. If, therefore, the repeal of the tax applied to the present crop, the consequence would be to relieve neither the laborer nor the small or necessitous grower, but the merchant and broker. He could not vote for the substitute, without at the same time providing for a refunding of the tax already paid on this year's cotton. He believed that to be inexpedient and impracticable, and that instead of its inuring to the benefit of those who should benefit by it, the claims for a refunding of the tax would be brought up by sharks. He stated that it would be one of the attempts of Congress at this session, and in which he would coincide, to relieve manufacturers of a great number of small taxes, which were vexatious and annoying, and many of which did not pay the cost of collection. The Committee of Ways and Means would, perhaps, recommend that the whole internal revenue should be collected from some eight or ten articles, embracing spirits, tobacco, licenses, stamps and some other matters.

Mr. BROOKS spoke in support of his substitute, showing that it had no retrospective effect, and would not take out of the Treasury a dollar of the tax already paid. He contended that nothing was more destructive to the commercial and shipping interests of the North than the levy of $23,000,000 tax on cotton. He read statistics showing that the exports of cotton from Bombay had run up from 802,844 bales in 1864 to 1,100,709 bales in 1867; and this he ascribed to the premium which the tax on American cotton gave to the growth of cotton in foreign countries. Referring to the circular which Mr. WINDOM had sent up, and had read, and to insinuations that those who were in favor of his substitute were in the interest of specu ators, sharpe or shysters, he said that that gentleman, from his position at the head of the Committee on Indian Affairs, may have become familiar with rascalities; but for himself, he would say, "*Honi soit qui mal a pense.*" Nobody had a right to make such insinuations against him. He was the organ of no one, and never intended to be. He spoke for his constituents alone, and not for cotton planters of the South but for the country at large.

Mr. HARDING opposed the bill. He argued that the attempt to grow cotton in India had proved a failure, and that the present low price of cotton was not owing to the tax, but to the fact that owing to the high prices which prevailed during the war, the markets were glutted. He argued that if this bill was passed, no more of the present crop would be sent to market, but would be kept and commingled with the crops of next year, so as to save the tax of 2½ cents per pound.

Mr. ROBINSON asked Mr. SCHENCK for a minute's time.

Mr. SCHENCK consented to allow him one minute with the stipulation that he would not say a word about the Green Island [laughter] but only about the cotton tax.

Mr. ROBINSON accepted the condition, with the remark that he was sorry that the gentleman (Mr. SCHENCK) wanted to exclude the higher subject. He would, however, confine himself to the lower one. He merely wanted to say that there would have been no need of this bill to-day if the statesmen on the Republican side of the House had only sustained a proposition to the same effect which he had brought forward in the House on the 18th of July last.

The House then proceeded to vote on the pending amendments.

Mr. COVODE's amendment to reduce the tax to one cent per pound was rejected without division.

Mr. MUNN's amendment to the substitute, so as to make the latter apply only to cotton on the farms where grown, and the property of the producer at the time of the passage of the bill, was rejected without division.

Mr. BROOKS' subtitute to make the repeal take effect immediately was rejected—yeas 43, nays 130.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, offered his amendment to add a new section, declaring that the Court of Claims shall not have or entertain any claim to recover back tax paid on cocton.

Mr. HOOPER, of Utah, asked Mr. SCHENCK to let him offer an amendment, exempting from the tax, cotton raised in Nevada, Utah and Arizona, being for home consumption.

Mr. SCHENCK declined, with the remark that the gentleman attained his object in getting the amendment into the *Congressional Globe*.

Mr. MILLER renewed his motion to recommit the bill, which was negatived.

The question was then taken on Mr. LAWRENCE's amendment by yeas and nays, and it resulted, yeas 69, nays 93. So the amendment was rejected.

The bill was then passed; yeas 145, nays 20.

The members voting in the negative were Messrs. Benjamin, Benton, Butler, Cornell, Covode, Ela, Ferris, Harding, Higby, Ingersoll, Kelsey, Lynch, McCarthy, Miller, Pike, Poland, Starkweather, Stevens of New-Hampshire, Stevens of Pennsylvania, and Ward.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

The Speaker presented communications as follows: From the President, with additional lists of pardons for rebellion; referred to the Judiciary Committee. From the Secretary of War, *ad interim*, transmitting a communication from the Inspector of the Military Academy, proposing certain legislation relative to that institution; referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. Also, transmitting a statement of buildings rented or leased in St. Louis for military purposes; same reference. From the Secretary of the Navy, with reports of naval officers on claims of contractors for building vessels, &c.; referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

THE PREMATURE PUBLICATION OF THE MESSAGE.

The Speaker said he had been asked to present a communication from special correspondents of the Press in reference to the premature publication of the President's Annual Message, and asking that the matter be referred to a committee for investigations as to the responsibility for that breach of honor and good faith. The communication was signed by Messrs. Crounse, New-York TIMES; Young, New-York *Tribune*; Shaw, Chicago *Journal*; Smith, New-York *Evening Post*; McFarland, Evening Press Association; Warden, Philadelphia *Ledger* and *Baltimore Sun*; Elliott, Philadelphia *Age*, Boynton, Cincinnati *Gazette*; Adams, New-York *World*, and Brooks, Philadelphia *Press*.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, moved as the communication was respectful that it be referred to the Judiciary Committee. Agreed to.

JOINT COMMITTEES.

The Speaker presented a message from the Senate with concurrent resolution for the reappointment of the Joint Committee on Retrenchment. He stated that there was no necessity for the resolution as the proposed action had been taken on the 7th of March last for the Fortieth Congress; laid on the table. Also, a like concurrent resolution for Committee on Ordnance; the yeas and nays were ordered on concurring. Pending the question the House at 5:45 adjourned.

Report of the Secretary of the Interior.

From the report of the Secretary of the Interior it appears that during the past year 7,041,114.50 acres of the public lands have been disposed of, this being nearly two and a half million acres more than has been disposed of in any previous year. The cash receipts from sales and fees of various kinds amounted to $1,347,862 50. In no previous year have the receipts been within half a million dollars of this amount. Contracts have been made for a survey of the northern boundary of California, a portion of the eastern boundary of Oregon and the northern boundary of New-Mexico; and it is recommended that appropriations be made for the survey of the northern and eastern boundaries of Colorado and Nevada.

The last soldier of the Revolution who was a pensioner, has died during the year, but by special act of Congress four other veterans of that war have been placed on the rolls at $500 a year. The names of 197 widows of Revolutionary soldiers are now on the rolls, of whom 119 were married previous to Jan. 1, 1800. There are as pensioners, 1,310 widows and orphans of soldiers who served in wars subsequent to the Revolution and prior to the rebellion. There were enrolled on the 30th of June last, 70,802 invalid military pensioners, who receive $6,478,004 14 annually, and 82,291 widows, orphans, and dependent relatives of soldiers, who receive $9,664,076 83 annually; making the total amount of army pensions $16,142,079 97. The number of navy pensioners on the 30th of June was 1,670 invalids, receiving $801,652 25 annually, and 1,327 widows, orphans, &c., who receive $305,742 25 annually. The whole amount paid to this class last year was $318,241 20. During the year 36,482 pensioners of all classes were added to the rolls, and 7,932 were dropped from various causes, leaving on the rolls 126,472 at the close. The total amount of pensions of all classes was $16,447,822 22, the expense of disbursement amounting to $2,172,134 24. During the year ending Sept. 30, there were admitted 954 applications for bounty land warrants, requiring 148,960 acres of land. The invested navy pension fund now amounts to $13,000,000, and there is an unvested one of $200,946 37. The Secretary speaks of the Pension Act as most comprehensive and munificent. He suggests that an increased appropriation be made for special investigation to prevent frauds upon the Government, and that the order in which the relatives of a deceased soldier should take pree dence be more clearly defined by the statute. He also recommends such an amendment of the law as will exclude from its benefits the widow or children of an army officer who dies of disease not contracted, or from a cause not occurring during war and in the line of duty. The same provision, he says, should be applied to the navy, with such modifications as the arduous and peculiar character of that service may, in the opinion of Congress, require.

In speaking of the Indians, whose estimated number is 300,000, spreading from Lake Superior to the Pacific Ocean, the Secretary says, that as the selection of suitable reservations and the removal of the Indians to them cannot be done in the short time allowed the Commissioners by the act of Congress, two Commissions, of not less than three persons each, should be appointed, and adequate means placed at the disposal of the Secretary of the Interior. The cost will be very inconsiderable compared with that of war. A wise and just policy will soon relieve us from the necessity of either feeding or fighting the Indians. An increase in the salaries of the superintendents of Indian Affairs and Indian Agents is recommended, that men of undoubted capacity and integrity may be secured, and the temptation to commit frauds may be removed. It is required by the necessities of the service that Superintendents be at once appointed for Colorado, Idaho, Montana and Dakotah.

The number of patents applied for during the year was 16,547; there were issued 11,655, including reissues and designs; and 1,724 in addition were allowed; 3,498 caveats were filed; 96 applications for extension were received and 83 were granted. The receipts were $611,910 61; expenses, $553,599 96. The whole amount now in the Treasury to the credit of the patent fund is $286,607 89. The Secretary repeats his recommendation that the law permitting an appeal from the Commissioner of Patents to one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the District be repealed. In no other instance is an appellate power given to a Judge to affirm or reverse the action of an executive officer.

The progress of the Union Pacific Railroad during the year has been satisfactory. Notwithstanding the delays occasioned by Indian raids, the Company report that during the present year the road will probably be extended to about 537 miles west of Omaha. The road has been definitely located 500 miles, and the earthwork will be finished to that point in the present year. The surveys of the line have been revised through to Salt Lake. The whole cost to Oct. 1, exclusive of unadjusted contractors' accounts, was $21,767,488 76. On the first of July the road was in operation to Julesburh, 377 miles. The receipts from all sources amounted to $1,015,195 29, the expenses being $658,880 54. Of the Central Pacific Railroad of California, about 50 miles have been in progress of construction during the year, most of it on the eastern and western slopes of the Sierra Nevadas. Eighteen miles on the eastern slope are graced, and the track is being laid at the rate of about one-half mile per day, while grading is still going on. On the western slope a large force of laborers is at work, and it is believed that with a favorable season the grading will be completed and the track laid over the summit before the snow suspends the work. At Sacramento, the company have erected a bridge across the river from its harbor and docks capable of moving an immense freight from vessels to the cars. The gross earnings since Jan. 1, 1865, have been $2,071,768 68, and the expenses $521,072 39. The Union Pacific Railway Company, Eastern Division, which last year had reached Fort Riley, has this year been extended 170 miles further, completing the road for a distance of 305 miles from the initial point on the line dividing Kansas and Missouri. The earnings for ten months and a half from Oct. 15, 1866, were $1,226,483 08. The business done for the Government during the same time amounted to $358,949 49, and the amount retained by the United States Treasurer, from that due on Government business alone for the month of August, is nearly 8 per cent. per annum of the principal of the bonds issued to the Company on account of the construction of the road. This would repay the principal at no distant period by the Government business alone, should it be continued to the same extent. The payment of the bonds at maturity is therefore considered by the company to be fully assured. Forty miles of the road of the Central Branch Union Pacific Railroad Company have been accepted since the last annual report, and the Government Commissioners are now engaged in examining another section of twenty miles. The road has been definitely located for 100 miles, and terminates in Marshall County, Kansas. The construction of bridges occasions a heavy expense. The Department has not been advised of the construction of any portion of the Sioux City and Pacific Railroad. The first section of the Western Pacific Railroad line, of California, 20 miles in length, was accepted in December last. No work has since been prosecuted. Commissioners examined the road of the San Francisco and San José Railroad Company, and reported Feb. 9, 1866, that, in its construction and equipment, it fully attained the standard of excellence prescribed by the Pacific Railroad Acts. The Northern Pacific Railroad Company report that two surveying parties from Lake Superior and two from the Pacific coast have been actively engaged in the field. Explorations have been made, and the Company are of opinion that a practicable route will be found. No portion of the road has been constructed. The Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company has accepted the conditions of the act approved July 27, 1866, granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Missouri and Arkansas to the Pacific coast.

In the remainder of his report the Secretary enumerates the alterations and repairs needed in the public buildings at Washington; mentions the special claims of asylums and benevolent enterprises in the District of Columbia, and gives a statement of the progress made in erecting penitentiaries in the Territories, as provided by act of Congress.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part I—Held by Sutherland, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos.	
1475—Mason vs. Cameron.	1653—Smith vs. Deyo.
1462—Ontario Bank vs. Bradford.	1657—Hayward vs. Dieffenback.
1138—Williams, Jr., vs. Wood.	1671—Ontario Bank vs. Merrill.
1627—Trotter vs. Graham.	1679—Campbell vs. Little.
1611—Bishop, Admr. vs. Beekmeyer.	1681—McGhee vs. Smith.
1613—Graves vs. Decher, Treasurer, &c.	1711—Alexander vs. Rushmore.
1621—Jex vs. Graham.	1693—Curran vs. Lake.
1633—Roe et al. vs. McMasters, imp.	695—Christie vs. Haskill.
1641—Howes et al. vs. Chapman.	1109—Harris vs. Clapp et al.
1651—Hardity vs. Shields.	681—Cushman vs. Rowland et al.

Part II.—Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos.	
420—Uhlebach vs. Kahn.	1699—Ballgarten vs. Farley.
1084—Shot, President vs. Reward et al.	605—Kerns vs. Sullivan.
604—Shot R. Bank vs. Assetip, imp.	1639—Angevine vs. Angevine
1734—McCarthy vs. O'Brien.	1284—Kirtland, Assr., vs. Northup et al.
1695—Weeks et al. vs. Goetz et al.	1244—Bellvay et al. vs Conerse et al.
956—Fock et al. vs. Bailey et al.	1268—Mayor, &c., vs. Beebe et al.
300—Low et al. vs. Hall et al.	1158—Merritt et al. vs. Leary
1245—Cohen et al. vs. McGee.	1686—Murphy vs. Murphy.
1502—Reekhow vs. Nomain.	1344—Lewis vs. Corwin.
705—Richardson et al. vs. Clark et al.	1280—Bell, Admir., vs. Spotts, Admr., et al.

Part III.—Held by Balcom, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Nos.	
1382—Wallace vs. Passeger et al.	1697—Hecker vs. Schmidt.
1437—Brookman et al. vs. Hazzill et al.	2025—Swift et al. vs. Merchants' Savings, Loan and Trust Co.
1946—Hutchison vs. Jones.	1204—Van Buren vs. Phelps.
1812—Eennebeck vs. Sinsheimer.	1794—DeGraw vs. Haven.
882—Kane vs. Dinsmore, President.	466—Roberts vs. Toledo & Wabash Railroad Company.
518—Dyer vs. Otis.	808—Frank vs. Bromhust.
735—Martin et al. vs. Spotts et al.	743—Glass et al. vs. Schneider et al.
825—Hunt et al. vs. Spotts et al.	698—Perkins vs. McDavitt.
1672—Stagg vs. Alexander.	1036—Grand et al. vs. Pendergast, et al.
1708—Mott, Administrator, vs. Rosch et al.	894—Ortins vs. Lords et al.
	1416—Makowen vs. Finigan.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Clerke, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Demurrers.

Nos.	
21—Mott, a bank &c., vs. Connolly, Comptroller	22—Same vs. Same.

Issues of Law and Fact.

Nos.	
223—Lyle vs. Easton.	172—Parish vs. Sherman et al.
207—Parker vs. Ward.	173—The Imp. and Tra. Nat. Bank vs. Arnold et al.
169—Johnston vs. Cons. Silver Mining Co.	174—Atwood vs. The Benchoff Run Petroleum Company.
185—Newhall vs. Decker et al.	176—Barrell, Ex'r vs. Boardman, Ex'r.
166—Mullen vs. Same.	177—Hamilton et al vs. Clinton et al.
197—The Sixth-avenue Railroad Company vs. McIntyre et al.	178—The Waverley National Bank vs. Halsey et al.

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MILLEDGEVILLE, Oct. 12, 1867.

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The sum total of mortgage bonds after such exchange, will be 3,657,000, being the full amount authorized. Holders desiring to make the exchange, will notify Hon. Jones, State Treasurer, Milledgeville, Ga. By order of the Governor,

JOHN JONES, Treasurer.

CENTRAL COAL MINING AND MANUFACTURING CO.,
Nos. 15 AND 17 TRINITY BUILDING,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 9, 1867.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors, will be held at the Company's office in the City of New-York, on THURSDAY, Dec. 12, 1867.

The polls will be open from 12 o'clock M. to 2 o'clock P. M. The transfer books will be closed from Nov. 22 to Dec. 13, inclusive.

By order of the Board.

F. P. WHITE, Sec'y.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 25, 1867—2 o'clock P. M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Inspectors of Election for Directors of this Company, having been served with injunctions by the Courts, prohibiting them from holding said election, they have accordingly postponed the said election until MONDAY, the 30th June, 1868, being more than double of the liability for annual interest, including the issue of the second mortgage bonds, and earned during a most unfavorable season, owing to the failure of Southern crops.

GEORGE H. FOSTER,
FREDERICK BILLINGS,
ISAAC TAYLOR,
RUFUS G. BEARDSLEE,
Inspectors.

WHOEVER HAS NOT ALREADY purchased the stock of the George Washington Toilet Watch Manufacturing Company, No. 58 Broadway, should do so at once. It is safe, and sure to pay.

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Have unusual facilities for making Collections on any part of the Union or Canada, with immediate Returns, at the very Lowest Current Rates.

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7-30 Notes, Dec. 4, 1867, as follows:

For JUNE NOTES we give the NEW 5-20 BONDS, January coupon off, and pay $33 80 DIFFERENCE ON EACH $1,000.

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CITY RAILROAD STOCKS AND BONDS IN ALL THE FIRST-CLASS COMPANIES.

Also a large variety of Insurance and other securities, including CITY and COUNTY BONDS paying good dividends, at the lowest rates for investments, in lots to suit purchasers, by

ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
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OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI RAILWAY COMPANY,
OFFICE No. 88 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1867.

ON AND AFTER THE 5TH INST., TRUSTees' Common Certificates will be received at the above named office for conversion into the Common Capital Stock of the Ohio and Mississippi Railway Company. Persons offering such certificates are requested to furnish schedules stating name, residence, amount of certificates, and number of certificates of stock required in exchange.

On and after the 9th inst., interest in cash at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, from Jan. 1 to Dec 1, 1867, will be paid, at this office, on Trustees' Preferred Certificates, when surrendered for conversion into Preferred Capital Stock of the Ohio and Mississippi Railway Company. Schedules are requested to be furnished in like manner as with the Common Certificates. Blank schedues can be had on application at this office.

By order of the Ex. and Financial Committee.

EDSON D. HAMMOND, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST CO.,
No. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE, (corner William-st.)
NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1867.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THE BUFFALO AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY will close at this office on the 9th inst., and reopen on the 16th inst. GEO. P. FITCH, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Hot Spring Mining Company will be held on MONDAY, Dec. 9, at 7½ o'clock P. M., at No. 448 West 34th-st. HENRY FLEMMING, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 3, 1867.

A MEMBER OF THE NEW-YORK Stock Exchange desires to form a connection with a banking house of good standing. Address W. M., Box No. 2,310 New-York Post-office.

DIVIDENDS.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO R. R. Co.,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 4, 1867.

DIVIDEND NO. 16.—THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of two and one-half per cent. (2½) free of Government tax, on the capital stock for the quarter ending Dec. 31, and the semi-annual dividend of three and one-half (3½) per cent., less Government tax, on the Third Mortgage Bonds, payable on and after THURSDAY, 16th day of January, 1868, at the office of WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., Nos. 27 and 29 Pine-st., to those registered at New-York, and at the office of the Treasurer to those registered at Pittsburgh.

The transfer books will close on Saturday, 28th inst., at 2 P. M., and reopen on Friday, Jan. 17, 1867.

By order of the Board,

F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

GENERAL OFFICES ERIE RAILWAY CO.,
No. 187 WEST-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1867.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE ERIE Railway Company have declared a dividend on the Preferred stock, from the earnings of the road for the year 1867, of seven per cent., payable, less the Government tax, on MONDAY, the 6th day of January next, at the Treasurer's office, Erie-place, to the registered holders of stock at the closing of the books.

The transfer books of the Preferred stock will close on FRIDAY, the 20th inst., and reopen on the 7th of January, 1868. By order of the Board,

THORNTON N. OTIS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.,
No. 5 BOWLING-GREEN,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 22, 1867.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent. out of the net earnings, payable at the office of the Company, on the 16th day of December next. Transfer books will be closed at 3 P. M., Dec. 2, and reopen Dec. 11.

HENRY J. QUINAN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY RR.,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 29, 1867.

NOTICE.—A DIVIDEND OF SEVEN PER cent., less Government tax, has this day been declared on the Preferred Stock, payable on the 2d of December, 1867, at the office of Messrs. M. K. JESUP & CO., No. 12 Pine-st., to the holders of same as registered at closing of books. The transfer books will close on the 16th proximo, and reopen on transfers on the 2d of January, 1868.

C. H. BOOTH, Treasurer.

SAVINGS BANKS.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
Corner 3d-av. and 26th-st.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST paid, free from Government tax, on all sums from $1 to $5,000.

Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock.

SPENCER K. GREEN, President.
RICHARD KELLY, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK,
NEW MARBLE FIRE-PROOF BANKING HOUSE,
Nos. 1 and 3 3d-av., New-York,
Opposite Cooper Institute.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST, free of tax, ALLOWED on deposits from $5 to $5,000.

ISAAC T. SMITH, President.
T. W. LILLIE, Secretary.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
Nos. 396 and 398 CANAL-ST., corner of LAIGHT,
OPEN DAILY from 10 to 3 o'clock.
Six per cent. interest, free of tax, on $5 to $5,000.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NOTICE TO DISTRICT CANVASSERS.
OFFICE OF CLERK OF COMMON COUNCIL,
No. 8 CITY HALL, NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1867.

The Canvassers of Election for the following Election Districts have failed to file, in this office, as required by law, within twenty-four hours after the closing of the polls, the returns and poll-lists of the election held Dec. 3, 1867, for chief and other officers, viz.:

1st District, 4th Ward.	5th District, 12th Ward.
3d District, 4th Ward.	7th District, 12th Ward.
7th District, 4th Ward.	3d District, 13th Ward.
1st District, 8th Ward.	10th District, 14th Ward.
3d District, 8th Ward.	12th District, 16th Ward.
4th District, 8th Ward.	17th District, 16th Ward.
8th District, 8th Ward.	16th District, 18th Ward.
1st District, 9th Ward.	2d District, 19th Ward.
5th District, 9th Ward.	16th District, 19th Ward.
5th District, 11th Ward.	11th District, 19th Ward.
7th District, 11th Ward.	13th District, 20th Ward.
9th District, 11th Ward.	14th District, 20th Ward.
10th District, 11th Ward.	6th District, 21st Ward.
4th District, 12th Ward.	

D. T. VALENTINE,
Clerk Common Council.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REport and Directory of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor" being now ready, subscribers will be supplied as early as practicable at their residences, or immediately by calling at the office, Room No. 15, Bible House, 8th-st. The following officers of the Association and Chairmen of Ward Committees are authorized to receive subscriptions, viz.:

JAMES BROWN, President, 59 Wall-st.
HORATIO ALLEN, Vice-President, 25 Clinton-place.
JAMES LENOX, Vice-President, 53 8th-av.
JNO. C. GREEN, Vice-President, 71 South-st.
A. S. WETMORE, Vice-President, 81 Vesey-st.
JNO. D. WOLFE, Vice-President, 15 Madison-av.
ROBERT B. MINTURN, Treasurer, 75 South-st.
CHAS. GRISWOLD, Recording Secretary, 71 South-st.
Ward 1, 2 and 3—Geo. W. Abbe, 8 Pine-st.
Ward 4—Chas. Chamberlain, 168 South-st.
Ward 5—Henry S. Terbell, 41 Walker-st.
Ward 6—Jno. Boyd, 12 Franklin-st.
Ward 7—Robert S. Place, 252 Madison-st.
Ward 8—Jno. Endicott, 32 Charlton-st.
Ward 9—Daniel French, 1 Chalmers-st.
Ward 10—S. G. Coles, 100 Forsyth-st.
Ward 11—Daniel D. Wright, 267 7th-st.
Ward 12—Chas. Craft, 127th-st., west of 5th-av.
Ward 13—A. B. Brummell, 416 Grand-st.
Ward 14—Henry F. West, 183 Grand-st.
Ward 15—Hon. F. A. Conkling, 27 East 10th-st.
Ward 16—David Irwin, 204 West 23d-st.
Ward 17—William Trusiow, 89 2d-av.
Ward 18—Adam W. Spies, 50 East 21st-st.
Ward 19—Jos. L. T. Smith, 43 East 42d-st.
Ward 20—H. D. Ranney, M. D., 227 West 34th-st.
Ward 21—W. B. Bibbins, M. D., 53 Lexington-av.
Ward 22—A. M. Lyon, 20 Liberty-st.

ASSISTED MANAGERS.

STEWART BROWN, 59 Wall-st.
JONATHAN STURGES, 125 Front-st.
Hon. ERASTUS C. BENEDICT, 10 West 10th-st.
J. COOPER LORD, 24 Gamercy-place.
ROBERT M. HARTLEY, Corresponding Secretary, 38 Bible House.

THE MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL,
Nos. 138 and 140 West 28TH-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 21, 1867.

AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN the Committee Room of the Congregation, Temple Emanuel, No. 112 East 43d-st., on the 8th day of December next, for three directors as class No. 2, to serve for four years, from the 16th day of January next, in place of Messrs. Benj. Nathan, Jos. Fatman and Jonas Heller; also, for one director in class No. 4, to serve for two years from the 16th day of January next, in place of Rev. Ansel Leo; and also for one director in class No. 1, to serve for three years from the 16th day of January next, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. William Seligman, all of whose term of office will expire on that day.

The poll will be opened at 11 o'clock A. M., and close at 12 o'clock M.

By order of the Board,

SAMUEL A. LEWIS, Honorary Secretary.

THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR OF THE CITY of New-York are requested to assemble in the General Term Room of the Supreme Court at the City Hall, on SATURDAY next, Dec. 7, at noon, for the purpose of paying a proper mark of respect to the memory of the late Chancellor WALWORTH.

MARSHALL S. BIDWELL, ABM. UNDERHILL,
HENRY NICOLL, BEND. D. SILLIMAN,
MURRAY HOFFMAN, ED. S. VAN WINKLE,
DANIEL LORD, CHARLES TRACY,
CHARLES P. KIRKLAND, B. W. BONNEY,
GEORGE H. FOSTER.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 3, 1867.

SURGICAL HOSPITAL FOR THE TREATment of structure, varicocele, hemorrhoids, fistula, and the more obscure diseases of the pelvic viscera, under the exclusive control of EDWARD H. DIXON, M. D., Editor of the *Scalpel*. Office hours from 8 to 9, 1 to 3, and 7 to 9 evenings, at Doctor's residence, No. 42 8th-av.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES

DISSOLUTION.

The firm of ABRAHAM C. DAYTON & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

ABRAHAM C. DAYTON,
CHARLES MANLEY,
JNO. A. GRADY.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 2, 1867.

The undersigned will continue the stock commission business under the firm name of ABRAHAM C. DAYTON & CO., at No. 28 Broad-st.

ABRAHAM C. DAYTON,
JNO. A. GRADY.

THE COPARTNERSHIP OF SMITH, MARTIN & CO., bankers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Its affairs will be settled by its successors, SMITH, GOULD, MARTIN & CO., No. 11 Broad-st.

HENRY N. SMITH,
HENRY H. MARTIN,
ABM. ALEMAN.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 2, 1867.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the name of SMITH, GOULD, MARTIN & CO., for the transaction of a general banking, stock and gold commission business in this city.

HENRY N. SMITH,
JAY GOULD,
HENRY H. MARTIN,
JAMES B. BACH.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 2, 1867.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.—THE SPECial partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers under the name of CHARLES E. GARDEN, is hereby dissolved by limitation.

CHARLES E. GARDEN,
HENRY GARDEN,
DANIEL DONOVAN.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 30, 1867.

NOTICE OF COPARTNERSHIP.—The subscribers have this day entered into a copartnership under the firm of GARDEN & CO., in the manufacture and sale of hats by the case.

C. HENRY GARDEN,
CHARLES E. GARDEN.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1867.

THE FIRM OF GEO. G. CLARKSON & CO., of No. 7 Mercer-st., has been this day dissolved by mutual consent.

Mr. GEORGE G. CLARKSON is authorized to sign in liquidation. All dues to said firm must be paid to him; and all claims against the firm will be paid by him.

GEO. G. CLARKSON,
JAMES C. HAYNES,
GEO. P. CLARKSON.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 3, 1867.

OFFICE ALBERT R. EDEY & CO.,
No. 36 Broad-st., Dec. 2, 1867.

THE FIRM OF ALBERT R. EDEY & CO., consisting of ALBERT R. EDEY and JOHN VAN SCHAICK ODDIE is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either of the partners will sign in liquidation. Albert R. Edey will continue the business.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm name of HICKS, HENDERSON & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 30, 1867.

SAMUEL HICKS,
Per JOHN H. HICKS, Attorney,
WM. T. HENDERSON,
JOHN H. HICKS.

signed,

NEW-YORK, Nov. 30, 1867.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm of WILLARD & STRUTHERS is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign in liquidation.

EDWARD R. WILLARD,
JAMES STRUTHERS.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

I. M. SINGER OFFERS FOR SALE ALL his interest in the SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, together with all his English and American sewing-machine patents, with his right of extension—in fact, all his vast interest in sewing-machine business and sewing-machine inventions up to the present date. For particulars inquire of D. HAWLEY, No. 42 Pine-st., New-York City.

WANTED—A SPECIAL OR ACTIVE PARTner in an old established wholesale shoe house in this City; the advertiser wishes to increase his trade. Address Box No. 2,261 Post-office.

A MANUFACTURING BUSINESS FOR sale that has paid fifty per cent. profit in the last eight months, and will do it right along; property is worth $75,000; can be bought for $30,000 down. Address C. E. W., Box No. 2,847 New-York Post-office.

A NO. 1 RETAIL BOTANIC DRUG-STORE for sale; one of the best and cheapest places ever offered; right place for physician or druggist; large room to manufacture. Particulars at COOLIDGE & ADAMS', No. 108 John-st.

THE SUBSCRIBER WOULD LIKE TO invest $3,000 in some respectable business; has fifteen years' business experience in this City; references exchanged. Address A. L., Box No. 142 *Times* Office.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOtice is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

1. For paving with Belgic-block pavement Ninety-second-street from Third-avenue to East River.

2. For building sewers in Washington-street, between Beach and Hubert and between Watts and Canal streets; also, in Hudson-street between Franklin and Jay streets, and also in North Moore-street, between Hudson-street and West Broadway, with branch in Varick-street.

3. For paving with stone blocks Spring-street, from Broadway to West-street.

4. For building sewer in Fifty-second-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

5. For building basin on the northwest corner of Mercer and Howard streets.

6. For building basin on the northeast corner of Mercer and Canal streets.

7. For paving with stone blocks Church-street, from Chambers to Canal-street.

8. For flagging sidewalks in Fifty-first-street, from Third-avenue to Lexington-avenue.

9. For flagging sidewalks on the west side of Eighth-avenue, Forty-second and Forty-third streets.

10. For paving with stone blocks Thirty-fifth-street, from Third to Fifth avenues.

The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on

1. Both sides of Ninety-second-street, from Third-avenue to the East River, to the extent of half the block from Ninety-second-street.

2. Both sides of Washington-street, between Beach and Hubert streets; also both sides of Franklin-street, between Watts and Canal streets; also both sides of Hudson-street, between Franklin and Jay streets; also both sides of North Moore-street, between Hudson-street and West Broadway; also both sides of Varick-street, between Beach and North Moore streets.

2. Both sides of Spring, from Broadway to West-street, to the extent of half the block from Spring-street.

4. Both sides of Fifty-second-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

5. The east side of Mercer-street, from Grand to Howard-street; also the south side of Grand-street and the north side of Howard-street, from Broadway to Mercer-street.

6. The south side of Howard-street and the north side of Canal-street, from Broadway to Mercer-street; also the east side of Mercer-street, from Howard to Canal-street.

7. Both sides of Church-street, from Chambers to Canal-street, to the extent of half the block from Church-street.

8. Both sides of Fifty-first-street, from Third-avenue to Lexington-avenue.

9. Four lots on the west side of Eighth-avenue, commencing at the southwest corner of Eighth-avenue and Forty-third-street, and running 106 feet southerly on Eighth-avenue.

10. Both sides of Thirty-fifth-street, from Third to Fifth avenues, to the extent of half the block from Thirty-fifth-street.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to JACOB F. OAKLEY, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 32 Chambers-street, basement New Court-house, within thirty days from date of this notice.

JACOB F. OAKLEY,
JOHN D. OTTIWELL,
C. S. HUNT.
} Board of Assessors.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
NEW COURT-HOUSE, Dec. 5, 1867.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 3d day of December, A. D. 1867, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of HENRY C. QUIN, of the City of Brooklyn, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, member of the late firm of DeForest, Armstrong & Co., who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 7 Beekman-st., (corner of Nassau,) Room Nos. 3 and 4, in the City of New-York, before Mr. JAMES F. DWIGHT, Register, on the 3d day of January, A. D. 1868, at 12 o'clock M. R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

As Messenger, Southern District of New-York.

DEC. 5, 1867.

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BRAUNSDORF & METZ, successors to Weil & Braunsdorf, offer their stock of well-assorted furniture, consisting of parlor, sitting-room, library, bedroom and dining-room suites, of the latest styles, to the public, at wholesale prices, at Nos. 125 and 127 Rivington-st, between Essex and Norfolk sts.

N. B.—All goods warranted.

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Rosewood, Walnut and Mahogany Parlor and Chamber Furniture.

Dining-room Suites.
Spring and Hair Mattresses, &c., &c.
Enamelled and Chamber Furniture.

DEGRAAF & TAYLOR,
Nos. 87 and 89 Bowery, No. 65 Christie-st., and Nos. 130 and 132 Hester-st., entrance No. 87 Bowery.

REMOVAL.

WARREN WARD & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF COTTAGE FURNITURE,
Have removed to their NEW WAREHOUSE,
Nos. 75 and 77 Spring-st., corner Crosby, one block east of Broadway, between the St. Nicholas and Metropolitan hotels.

Where they are prepared to furnish every variety of CHAMBER, PARLOR, LIBRARY AND DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, BEDDING, &c., &c., UNSURPASSED IN QUALITY AND AT THEIR USUAL REASONABLE PRICES.

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We manufacture and sell in suites or single pieces all kinds of FURNITURE, cheaper than any other house. Also, MATRESSES, LOOKING-GLASSES, SELF-ROCKING and CRADLES of all kinds, SOFA and SECRETARY BEDSTEADS. Call and save money.

G. W. SNEDEN & CAMPBELL,
No. 263 Bowery, bet. Stanton and Houston sts., Second furniture-store from either corner.
Note the number.

PERSONAL.

IF ALFRED PEACE, FORMERLY OF Toronto, will send his address to Post-office Box No. 427 Toronto, Canada, he may hear of something of interest to himself. Any friends knowing his address, and sending as above will oblige a friend inquiring.

BRAZILIAN PEBBLE SPECTACLES improve and preserve the sight. Optical Institute, No. 4,132 Broadway, H. W. HUNTER, Optician.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—SEVERAL FINE PARCELS OF PROPERTY ON LAURENS, GREEN, WOOSTER, HOUSTON and other streets, with some corners. Also, Broadway and 5th-av. property, and a large number of first-class and medium fine houses.

S. W. BENEDICT, No. 10 Pine-st.

AT A BARGAIN—TWO LOTS SOUTH SIDE 77th-st., and one lot north side 76th-st., ninety-five feet east of Madison-av.; terms easy. Also, ten lots on 109th-st., near 3d-av., and several very desirable plots in Harlem. JOHN S. PIERCE, No. 6 Pine-st.

AN ELEGANTLY-FURNISHED FIRST-class brown-stone, high-stoop, 27x65 feet house for sale, with or without furniture; terms easy; location 21st-st., near Broadway. Apply to E. HANFORD & SON, Nos. 229 and 1,143 Broadway.

FOR SALE—THE FOUR-STORY BROWNstone house No. 9 Gramercy Park, 26 feet 8 inches in front; in good order; private key to Park. For particulars and permits apply to

ABNER L. ELY, No. 22 Pine-st.

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE—THE HOUSE and lot No. 72 5th-av., corner of 13th-st.; lot 60x100; a desirable location for business purposes. Apply to

ABNER L. ELY, No. 22 Pine-st.

A FIRST-CLASS CORNER HOUSE MUST and will be sold cheap for cash; immediate possession; location beautiful. Inquire on premises, corner 14th-st. and 2d-av. JOHN GLASS.

FOR SALE—A VALUABLE CORNER ON DIvision-st. Apply to MULLER, WILKINS & CO., No. 7 Pine-st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—A DESIRABLE FARM OF 50 ACRES, on Raritan River, New-Jersey, one mile from depot at Bound Brook, with large dwelling, piazza on two sides, detached kitchen, new barn, and all necessary out-buildings; variety of fruit; the place is in perfect order, location healthy and desirable, being only 1¼ hours from New-York; the stock, utensils, &c., can be had if desired. Apply to D. M. SEAMAN, 14 Pine-st.

$20,000 FOR THE CHEAPEST FARM, of 200 acres, known in the State of New-Jersey; it has on it a good house of 14 rooms, two barns, (one extra good one;) all kinds of choice grafted fruit, berries, &c.; beautifully situated; twenty minutes from depot in Rahway, N. J. Other farms for sale, and houses and lots in town. J. A. MARTIN, Rahway, N. J.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY FARMS FOR SALE.—Forty-two acres near Mount Kisco. In Somers, 115 acres, $17,000; 87 acres, $8,000; 50 acres, $8,300. In Yorktown, 126 acres, $16,000; 106 acres Lake View, $16,000. JOSEPH GRIFFEN,
No. 185 Greenwich-st.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES AND farms, a great variety, beautifully situated, one hour from New-York, for sale low. Also, country seats and houses to let for the season or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH. No. 243 Broadway, New-York, 9 to 11 A. M.; Orange, corner Main and Cone sts., 1 to 5 P. M.

FOR SALE—THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILE from Dover, N. J., a fine farm containing 164 acres of land, of which 64 acres are timber; house and out-buildings. Address N. A. LESPINASSE, Box No. 5,091 Post-office.

FOR SALE—A HOUSE AND LOT CORNER OF Van Wyck and Chichester ave., Jamaica, L. I., 38x82, with 15 feet extension in rear; 30 minutes from upper railroad depot. Inquire of E. W. VAN VOORHIS, jr., No. 83 Nassau-st., or No. 129 East 36th-st.

TO LET.

OFFICES IN TIMES BUILDINGS.

The stores, basements, sub-basements and vaults on Park-row and Nassau-st., now occupied as a restaurant, bar, billiard rooms, &c., will be let from May 1, 1868.

The offices now occupied by the Surrogate on the second floor will be divided to suit applicants. They are the most desirable of any in New-York, having three fronts, viz: Park-row, Spruce and Nassau sts.; or they will be rented entire.

Also offices in Nos. 38, 39, 40 and 41 Park-row, *Times* Building, on the second, third and fourth stories, large and spacious, being splendidly lighted from front and rear. Further improvements will be made at the expiration of the Surrogate's lease, the 1st of May next. These buildings are thoroughly fire proof, thereby saving all charges of insurance and hazards incident to fire.

GEO. JONES, *Times* Office.

BROADWAY PROPERTY TO LET.—The front building No. 628 Broadway, being three stories, sixty feet deep, and a basement 130 feet deep, extending back to an alley, will be let separately or together; alterations may be made to suit tenants; possession next May. Apply to C. JENKINS, on the premises, in the East River National Bank.

FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET—THE EXtra-sized brown-stone house No. 23 East 22d-st.; house 34½ feet wide, elegantly furnished, and replete with modern conveniences; will be rented to a strictly private family only. For further particulars and permits apply to ABNER L. ELY, No. 22 Pine-st.

TO LET—THE LARGE ROOM IN BREVOORT Hall on 54th-st., between 3d and Lexington ave., well seated to accommodate five hundred people, will be let by the year (for evenings) to civic societies; also, on the Sabbath for religious purposes at moderate rates. Apply to BURCHELL & BRO., on the premises.

TO LET—THE LOWER PART OF HOUSE FURnished, consisting of back parlor and basement, or would let the second floor unfurnished to a small, quiet family. Apply in 8th-st., between 3d and 4th avs., south side; no number; name on door; the first in rear building.

TO LET—NO. 668 LEXINGTON-AV., A BEAUtiful new four-story brown-stone house, between 56th and 57th sts., having all the modern improvements and in complete order. Can be seen at any time with cent permit. For terms apply to B. BLANCO, No. 13 South William-st.

TO LET—A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY brown-stone house

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FURTHER REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES.
Favorite passenger steamers of the ANCHOR LINE sail every SATURDAY with passengers for
LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW AND DERRY.
EUROPA, Craig, SATURDAY, Dec. 7.
UNITED KINGDOM, Donaldson, SATURDAY, Dec. 14.
COLUMBIA, Carnaghan, SATURDAY, Dec. 21.
From Pier No. 6 North River, at noon.
Rates of passage, payable in currency:
To Liverpool, Glasgow and Derry, cabins, $90 and $75, according to location.
Excursion tickets, good for twelve months, $1 0.
Intermediate, $35; Steerage, $25.
Prepaid certificates from these ports, $35.
Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Havre, &c., at very low rates.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 6 Bowling-green, New-York.
FRANCIS MACDONALD & CO., Agents.
To avoid imposition, passengers will please come direct to the office, as this Company does not employ runners.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL.—CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.—The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the United States Mails:
CITY OF PARIS.....SATURDAY.....Dec. 7
ETNA.....SATURDAY.....Dec. 14
CITY OF BOSTON.....SATURDAY.....Dec. 21
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....SATURDAY.....Dec. 28
CITY OF LONDON.....SATURDAY.....Jan. 4
and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE
By the mail steamer sailing every Saturday.
PAYABLE IN GOLD.
First Cabin.....$100 | Steerage.....$30
First Cabin to London, 105 | Steerage to London.....35
First Cabin to Paris.....116 | Steerage to Paris.....45
Passage by the Wednesday steamers, first cabin, $100; steerage, $30. Payable in United States Currency.
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.
Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $40 currency. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.
For further information, apply at the Company's offices. JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.
Philadelphia office, No. 111 Chestnut-st.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT CORK HARBOR:
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.
CUBA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Dec. 4.
PERSIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Dec. 11.
ASIA.....aves Boston, Wednesday, Dec. 18.
RUSSIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Dec. 25.
JAVA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 1.
SCOTIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 8.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$150
Second Cabin Passage.....80
FROM NEW-YORK TO PARIS
Chief Cabin Passage.....$165
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$125
Second Cabin Passage.....70
Payable in Gold.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid new vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:
PEREIRE.....Ducrenne.....SATURDAY, Dec. 14
VILLE DE PARIS.....Surmont.....SATURDAY, Dec. 28
EUROPE.....Lemarie.....SATURDAY, Jan. 11
ST. LAURENT.....Bocande.....SATURDAY, Jan. 25
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,)
TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin, $160; second cabin, $85.
TO PARIS,
including railway tickets, furnished on board,
First cabin, $166; second cabin, $98.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
Medical attendance free of charge.
American travelers going to or returning from the continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid unnecessary risks from transit by English railways and crossing the channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
For freight or passage, apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent No. 58 Broadway

CUNARD LINE OF EXTRA STEAMERS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY WEDNESDAY
TRIPOLI.....Dec. 4
ALEPPO.....Dec. 11
RATES OF PASSAGE:
Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$25 Currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown $35 currency.
For Steerage Passage, apply at No. 4 Broadway.
For Freight and Cabin Passage, at No. 4 Bowling-green. E. CUNARD.

NEW-YORK & BREMEN STEAMSHIP CO.
THE CHEAPEST LINE.
Steamships ATLANTIC, BALTIC and WESTERN METROPOLIS,
FOR SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE AND BREMEN.
First cabin $110; second cabin $65; steerage $35, Gold.
The regular trips being discontinued during the Winter months, a trip to Southampton will be advertised.
For freight, expressage, bills of exchange or passage apply to ISAAC TAYLOR, President, 40 Broadway.

LONDON AND NEW-YORK STEAMSHIP LINE.
Passage to London direct, $110, $75 and $30 currency.
Excursion tickets at reduced rates available for six months.
CELLA, Capt. GLEADELL, from New-York, Dec. 14.
ATALANTA, Capt. DIKMAN, from New-York, Dec. 28.
BELLONA, Capt. DIXON, from New-York, Jan. 11.
WM. PENN, Capt. BILLINGE, from New-York, Jan. 25.
The elegant British iron steamship CELLA will leave Pier No. 46 North River for London direct, on SATURDAY, Dec. 14.
Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given to Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Dunkirk.
For passage apply to ROBERT N. CLARK, No. 26 Broadway.
For freight apply at No. 54 South-st.
HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, Agents.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.
The following FIRST-CLASS IRON STEAMSHIPS, built expressly for the New-York trade, are intended to sail regularly between NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, calling at QUEENSTOWN, viz.:
MANHATTAN, MINNESOTA,
CHICAGO, NEBRASKA,
with other first-class steamers building. To sail:
MINNESOTA.....WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18
CHICAGO.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1
NEBRASKA.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8
From Pier No. 37, East River.
Cabin, (the accommodations being equal to any Atlantic steamer,) $80, gold; return tickets, $160, gold; in currency, $25, currency.
Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms. For freight or passage apply to WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.
For steerage passage to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

THE NATIONAL LINE.
Steamers weekly to Liverpool and Queenstown, leaving Pier No. 47 North River, every SATURDAY.
HENRY LAVELAND.....Capt. LEWIS.....SATURDAY, Dec. 7
FRANCK, GRACE.....SATURDAY, Dec. 14
VIRGINIA, PROWSE.....SATURDAY, Dec. 21
HELVETIA, THOMPSON.....SATURDAY, Dec. 28
Cabin passage, payable in currency, $100.
Steerage passage to Liverpool or Queenstown, $25 in currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown $35 in currency.
For further particulars apply at the office of the Company, Nos. 57 and 27 Broadway, or to Pier No. 73 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month:
GUIDING STAR, Capt. GEO. B. SLOCUM, Dec. 23.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. L. F. TIMMERMAN, Jan. 23.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKLEPAUGH, Feb. 23.
These sailing dates are fixed to be definite ones, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagement of freight or passage, apply to GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents, No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
SAILING REGULARLY EVERY THURSDAY, AT 3 O'CLOCK P. M. PRECISELY, FROM PIER No. 4, NORTH RIVER.
COLUMBIA, Capt. H. B. HAVENS, Dec. 5.
EAGLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE, Dec. 12.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. RICH. ADAMS, Dec. 19.
For freight or passage, apply to
GEO. H. HARTSON, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A contract has been concluded with the Atlantic Mail Steamship Company, by that company to perform service between New-York and Nassau, Bahamas and Havana, will on and after the 30th day of January, 1868, be performed by that Company. T. DARLING,
B. L. BURNSIDE,
Commissioners.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
EVERY THURSDAY.
REDUCED RATES OF FREIGHT.
Measurement goods, 5 cents per cubic foot.
Weight goods, 15 cents per 100 pounds.
Flour, 25 cents per barrel.
Special articles, one-quarter tariff rates.
The Atlantic Coast Mail Steamship Company's side-wheel steamships
HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. EATON, sails THURSDAY, Dec. 5.
GEN. BARNES, Capt. MORTON, sails THURSDAY, Dec. 12.
From Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M. precisely, going through passage tickets to all points on the Central Railroad of Georgia, and Atlantic and Gulf Railroad, to points in the interior, and by Florida steamers to points in the coast of Florida.
For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 88 Liberty-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
Steamship HUNTSVILLE, Crowell, Commander, leaves SATURDAY, Dec. 7.
Steamship MONTGOMERY, Lyons, Commander, leaves SATURDAY, Dec. 14.
At 3 P. M. from Pier No. 13 North River.
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 93 West-st.
Through passage tickets given over the Central Railroad of Georgia and Atlantic and Gulf Railroad to all points in the interior, at lower rates than by any other line.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT—AT-LANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S new and first-class light-draft side-wheel steamship RAPIDAN, Capt. EVERSON, will leave Pier No. 36 North River, for the above port on SATURDAY, Dec. 7, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 88 Liberty-st.

STAR LINE FOR NEW-ORLEANS.—THE OLD BLACK STAR MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S fine second cabin steamers will leave Pier No. 46 North River, at 3 P. M., as follows:
MONTEREY, on SATURDAY, Dec. 14.
All bills of lading must be in the office upon the pier.
For freight or passage apply to GEO. B. HARTSON, President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT—THE OLD CROMWELL LINE.—Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 9, N. R., at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:
GEO. WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, Dec. 7.
GEN. GRANT, SATURDAY, Dec. 14.
For passage or freight, apply to
R. R. CROMWELL & CO., No. 86 West-st.

MOBILE, GALVESTON AND LAVACA.—The steamship RAPIDAN, leaving Pier No. 36 North River on SATURDAY, Dec. 7, at 3 P. M., will receive freight for the above ports, to be reshipped at New-Orleans per Morgan's line of steamers without expense at New-Orleans.
For rates of freight apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 88 Liberty-st.

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA,
CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.
VIA PANAMA RAILROAD.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.
Steamers leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock, noon, as follows:
NOV. 30—ARIZONA, Capt. MAURY, connecting with MONTANA, Capt. FARNSWORTH.
Dec. 11—HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. GRAY, connecting with GOLDEN CITY, Capt. LAPIDGE.
Dec. 21—RISING STAR, Capt. CONNER, connecting with SACRAMENTO, Capt. PARKER.
100 pounds baggage allowed free to each adult passenger. Medicines and attendance free.
All conveyance touch at Acapulco; those of 1st and 3d connect at Panama with steamers for South Pacific ports; 1st and 11th for Central American Ports, and those of 1st touch at Manzanillo.
Departure of 11th of each month connects with the new steam line from Panama to Australia and New-Zealand.
FOR JAPAN AND CHINA.
Steamer of Dec. 21 connects comely with steamer CHINA, from San Francisco, Jan. 13; at Yokohama with steamers NEW YORK for Hong Kong, and COSTA RICA for Nagasaki and Shanghai.
For passage tickets and all further information apply at the office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York. F. R. BABY, Agent.

NORTH AMERICAN STEAMSHIP CO.
OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY.
FOR CALIFORNIA,
Via Panama Railroad.
REDUCED RATES OF PASSAGE AND FREIGHT.
The elegant steamship
SANTIAGO DE CUBA,
Capt. J. W. SMITH,
will be dispatched by the North American Steamship Company on
SATURDAY, Dec. 14, at noon,
from Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Warren-st., connecting at Panama with the new, fast steamship
OREGONIAN, Capt. SUTTON.
These steamships having been built and fitted expressly for this trade, have accommodations that are unsurpassed for elegance or comfort.
To be followed SATURDAY, Jan. 4, 1868, by the favorite steamship
NEBRASKA or ARAGO,
connecting at Panama with the steamship
AMERICA.
For passage or freight apply to
D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent,
No. 177 West-st., corner Warren-st., New-York.
WM. H. WEBB, President.
CHARLES DANA, Vice-President, No. 54 Exchange-place, New-York.

OPPOSITION LINE TO CALIFORNIA.
VIA NICARAGUA.
REDUCED RATES OF PASSAGE AND FREIGHT.
The fast and elegant steamship
SAN FRANCISCO,
Capt. ELISHA HOWES,
will be dispatched by the North American Steamship Company on THURSDAY, Dec. 5, at noon, from Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Warren-st., connecting on the Pacific with the favorite steamer
MOSES TAYLOR,
Capt. BLETHEN.
The accommodations on these steamers are unsurpassed by those of any steamers afloat.
For passage or freight apply to
D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent,
No. 177 West-st., corner Warren-st., New-York.
WM. H. WEBB, President.
No. 54 Exchange-place.
CHAS. DANA, Vice-President.

FOR CALIFORNIA VIA PANAMA.
REDUCED RATES OF FREIGHT.
The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer HENRY CHAUNCEY will sail on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11, at 12 o'clock, noon. Freight received Tuesday at 3 P. M. For rates &c., inquire at freight office on Company's Pier, No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st.
WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Freight Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

FOR NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH.
OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
One of the elegant steamships of this Company will leave Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st., every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 3 P. M., connecting with the seaboard and Roanoke Railroad and the Virginia and Tennessee Air Line, and their connections.
For freight or passage apply to
N. L. McCREADY, President,
No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner of Dey-st.
Bills of lading signed on the pier.

FOR CITY POINT AND RICHMOND.
OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
One of these elegant steamships, of this Company will leave Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st., every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY at 3 P. M., connecting with the Richmond and Dagwill Virginia Central, and Petersburgh and Weldon Railroads.
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No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner of Dey-st.
Bills of lading signed on the pier.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., AND FLORIDA PORTS—PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY—EVERY THURSDAY.
MISSOURI, Capt. SHACKFORD, THURSDAY, Dec. 5.
E. B. SOUDER, Capt. LEIBY, THURSDAY, Dec. 19,
from Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 P. M. Through passage tickets and bills of lading issued to all points South, in connection with the South Carolina Railroad.
For freight or passage apply to
WHEELER & LINNARD, Agents, 13 Broadway.

REGULAR LINE FOR CHARLESTON, HAVANA, FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.—Freight 10s. per foot. First Cabin passage, $15. The fast and popular steamship SARAGOSSA, M. B. CROWELL, Commander, is now receiving freight and will sail on SATURDAY, Dec. 7, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 14 East River, foot of Wall-st.
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—U. States passports indispensable to travelers, issued by J. B. NONES, Passport Agent, 223 Broadway.

RAILROADS.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT—CHANGE OF TIME.
Leave James-slip:
9 A. M., mail train, for Greenport and all way-stations, connecting at Mineola with trains for Glen Cove and Hempstead.
11 A. M., Syosset passenger trains and all way-stations.
3 P. M. Express train for Riverhead.
4 P. M., Brosset and Glen Cove passenger train and all way-stations.
5 P. M., Farmingdale and Hempstead, passenger train, and for North Islip SATURDAYS only.
Sunday excursion train leaves Hunter's Point 9:15 A. M., arrives at Hunter's Point at 4:40 P. M. To take effect Nov. 4, 1867.
L. D. BARTON, Superintendent.

PEIPHER'S DAILY LINE OF TRANSPORTATION.
On and after Nov. 1, 1867, the Peiphers' Daily Line will receive and transport goods and merchandise to Harrisburgh and stations beyond, from the depot of the Morris and Essex Railroad Company, Pier No. 26 North River, foot of Cortlandt-st., (New-York,) until 5 P. M. will be forwarded the same day. Freight taken at lowest rates and forwarded with dispatch.
Mark goods "Via Peipher daily line to Harrisburgh, Penn." J. B. MONTGOMERY,
Proprietor Peipher Line.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:
8 A. M.—Day Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South.
8:30 A. M.—Way Train daily for Otisville and intermediate stations.
10 A. M.—Express Mail, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.
3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Middletown and intermediate stations.
4:30 P. M.—Way Express, stopping only at Sterling Junction, Turner's, and stations west of Turner's, to Port Jervis, Newburgh and Warwick.
5 P. M.—Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
5:30 P. M.—Night Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points South and West.
6 P. M.—Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South. By this train sleeping-coaches will run through to Cincinnati without change.
8 P. M.—Emigrant Train, daily, for the West.
Also, Way Train for Fishkill Spring, Passaic and Paterson at 6:45 and 9:15 A. M., 12 M. and 1:45, 4, 6:45 and 11 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 12 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.

SUNDAY TRAINS.—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otisville; 12 M. and 5:30 P. M. for Paterson; 6:30 P. M. Night Express for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca and all points West and South; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.
Express Trains run through to Salamanca, Dunkirk and Buffalo without change of coaches, and in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.
Certificated, gentlemanly and luxurious sleeping coaches accompany all Night Trains.
Tickets can be obtained at the Company's offices, No. 241 Broadway, and at the Company's chamoers-st., New-York, and Jersey Dock Depot, Jersey City.
WM. R. BARR, Gen'l Pass. Agent. H. RIDDLE, Gen'l Sup't.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 25, 1867, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:
8 A. M. Express train, via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
10 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for the West, and at Troy with trains for the North.
11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
3:45 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping-car attached.
4:35 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., and at Albany with Western trains. Sleeping-cars attached at Albany.
6:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping-car every day excepting Saturdays attached from New-York through to Ogdensburgh without change, via Rome, W. and O. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.
11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.
A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 9 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 3 P. M., arriving in New-York at 6:40.
Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:40 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 4:30 P. M., arriving in New-York at 12 M.
WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 5:30 and 9:25 A. M., 2:25, 3:30, 5:25 and 6:32 P. M. The 5:30, 1:22 and 4:22 run to Monsey.
THOS. W. DEMAREST, Supt.

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The magnificent steamers BRISTOL, Capt. BRAYTON, and PROVIDENCE, Capt. SIMMONS, at 4 P. M. daily.
Only one hour and thirty minutes by rail from Bristol to Boston. Arriving in Boston in ample time to connect with Northern and Eastern trains.
These steamers are the largest, staunchest and most elegant ever placed upon the American waters. In the number and size of their state-rooms, and extent and splendor of their accommodations, they are unrivaled.
Tickets sold and staterooms secured at the office, on Pier No. 40 North River, near foot of Canal-st. Also, tickets sold and baggage checked through at the office of Westcott's Express Company, No. 1 Park-place, Nos. 785 and 945 Broadway; Harlem Railroad Depot, 26th-st. and 4th-av.; Hudson River Railroad Depot, 29th-st. and 9th-av., New-York; No. 259 Washington-st., Brooklyn.
By purchasing tickets at any of these offices, baggage can be checked from residence to destination.
H. O. BRIGGS, General Manager.
GEO. W. TIERS, Agent.

SHREWSBURY, LONG BRANCH AND RED BANK.
The favorite steamboat METAMORA will leave pier foot of Barclay-st., short pier, as follows:

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Thursday, Dec 5, 12 M.	Wednes., Dec. 4, 9 A. M.
Saturday, Dec. 7, 1 P. M.	Friday, Dec. 6, 10:30 A. M.
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1 P. M.	Monday, Dec. 9, 12:30 P. M.
Thursday, Dec. 12, 1 P. M.	Wednes., Dec. 11, 7 A.M.
Saturday, Dec. 14, 9 A. M.	Friday, Dec. 13, 7:30 A. M.

FOR SHREWSBURY AND LONG BRANCH.—The strong and commodious steamboat SEA BIRD, Capt. H. B. PARKER, will leave foot of Chambers-st. Fare reduced to 25 cents.

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 11:30 A. M.	Wednesday, 4th, 9:30 A. M.
Thursday, Dec. 5, 1 P. M.	Friday, Dec. 6, 11 A. M.
Saturday, Dec. 7, 2 P. M.	Monday, Dec. 9, 1 P. M.
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1 P. M.	Wednesday, 11th, 7:30 A. M.
Thursday, Dec. 12, 8 A. M.	Friday, Dec. 13, 8 A. M.
Saturday, Dec. 14, 9:30 A. M.	Monday, Dec. 16, 8 A. M.
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 12 M.	Wednesday, 18th, 10 A. M.
Thursday, Dec. 19, 1:30 P. M.	Friday, Dec. 20, 12 M.
Saturday, Dec. 21, 2 P. M.	Monday, Dec. 23, 1:30 A. M.

CHANGE OF TIME.
LLOYD'S DOCK, OYSTER BAY, UNION DOCK AND NORTHPORT.—On and after MONDAY, Dec. 2, the steamer D. R. MARTIN, Capt. S. E. UNDERHILL, leaves Pier No. 34 East River (Catharine-st.) at 3 P. M., (omitting the 37th-st. landing,) daily, for Lloyd's Dock and Oyster Bay; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for Union Dock, (Northville;) Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for Northport.

CHANGE OF HOUR.
The New-Haven Trans. Co.'s steamers will leave pier 26 E.R., daily, on and after Monday, Nov. 4, at 4 P.M., instead of 6 as heretofore. Saturday night at 12, as usual.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with the railroad.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR ARMY TRANSPORTATION.
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Nov. 15, 1867.
Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. the 15th of January, 1868, for the transportation of military supplies during the year commencing April 1, 1868, and ending March 31, 1869, on the following routes:
ROUTE NO. 2.
From Fort Harker, Kansas, Fort Hays, Kansas, and any other point or points that may be designated by the Chief Quartermaster Department of the Missouri, on the Union Pacific Railroad, E. D., to any places that may be designated by the shipping officer, in the State of Kansas, or Territory south of Indian and west of 100 degrees North, and to Fort Union, New-Mexico, or other depot that may be designated in that Territory, and to any other points on the route to that depot.
ROUTE NO. 4.
From Fort Union, or such other depot as may be established in the Territory of New-Mexico, to any posts or stations that are or may be established in that Territory, and to such posts or stations as may be designated in the Territory of Arizona, and in the State of Texas west of longitude 106 degrees.
ROUTE NO. 5.
From such point as may be designated on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, Southwest Branch of Missouri Pacific Railroad, or Fifth Principal Meridian, E. D., to Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, or such other point as may be established as the military depot in that Territory.
The weight to be transported during the year will not exceed on Route No. 2, 20,000,000 pounds; on Route No. 3, 8,000,000 pounds; and on Route No. 5, 2,000,000 pounds.
Proposals will be made for each route separately.
Bidders will state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport the stores in each route during the year, beginning April 1, 1868, and ending March 31, 1869.
Bidders will give their names in full, as well as their places of residence, and each proposal must be accompanied by a bond in the sum of ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, duly executed by two or more responsible persons, in legal form and properly stamped, guaranteeing that in case a contract is awarded for the route mentioned in the proposal to the party proposing, it will be accepted and entered into, and good and sufficient security furnished by said party in accordance with the terms of this advertisement.
Each bidder must be present at the opening of the proposals, in person or be represented by his attorney.
The contractor will be required to give $250,000 bonds.
Satisfactory evidence of the loyalty and solvency of each bidder and person offered as security will be required.
Proposals must be indorsed, "Proposals for Army Transportation on Route No. 1," and none will be entertained unless they fully comply with the requirements of this advertisement.
The party to whom the award is made must be prepared to execute the contract with sufficient sureties in the required bonds for the faithful performance of the contract.
The right to reject any and all bids that may be offered is reserved.
The contractor must be in readiness for service by the 1st day of April, 1868, and will be required to have a place of business or agency at which he may be communicated with promptly and readily, for Route No. 1 at Cheyenne, Dakotah, or at such other point as may be indicated as the starting point of the route.
Blank forms, showing the conditions of the contract to be entered into can be had on application at this office, or at the office of the Quartermaster at New-York, St. Louis, Fort Leavenworth, Santa Fe and Fort Snelling, and must accompany and be a part of the proposals.
By order of the Quartermaster-General.
WM. MYERS, Brevet Brig.-Gen.,
Chief Quartermaster,
Department of the Platte.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
CORNER GRAND AND ELM STS.
NEW-YORK, Nov. 25, 1867.
SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this Office until the 9th day of December next, at 3 o'clock P. M., at which time said Proposals will be considered for supplying the Public Schools, under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education, with books, stationery and other articles required for the use of said schools, for one year, commencing on the 1st January, 1868.
A list of the articles required will be furnished on application to the Clerk of the Board of Education.
TIMOTHY KNOX,
SAMUEL B. H. VANCE,
JAMES W. FARR,
JAMES B. DUPIGNAC,
Committee on Supplies.

OFFICE AMERICAN COAL COMPANY,
No. 111 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 25, 1867.
PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY this Company until the 10th day of December prox., at 12 o'clock M., when the same will be opened for the sale of the whole or any part of $1,500 of dividend scrip of said Company for its sinking fund, reserving the right to decline such bids as may be deemed unsatisfactory.
By order of the Board of Directors.
M. A. MYERS, Secretary.

DANCING.

DE GARMO'S DANCING ACADEMY,
NO. 82 5TH-AV., CORNER OF 14TH-ST.,
NOW OPEN FOR THE SEASON.
LADIES' CLASS—Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2 to 4 P.M.
MISSES' and MASTERS'—Wednesdays and Saturdays, 4 to 6 P. M.
GENTLEMEN—Tuesday and Friday evenings, at 8 o'clock.

A. DODWORTH'S DANCING ACADEMY,
NO. 512 FIFTH-AV., New-York.
Morning and afternoon classes for children. Evening classes for gentlemen. For terms send for a circular.

MEETINGS.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE.—A MONTHLY meeting of this Institute will be held THIS (Thursday) EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, at its rooms in the Cooper Building.
SALEM H. WALES, Recording Secretary.

AUCTION SALES.

LARGE SALE OF CLOTHING, C. AND G. EQUIPAGE.
DEPOT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2, 1867.
Will be sold at public auction, at Clothing Depot, Armory-square, this city, on THURSDAY, Dec. 12, commencing at 10 A. M., under the supervision of Capt. D. G. Thomas, M. S. K., U. S. A., a large lot of non-registation, new, damaged and unservicesble clothing, &c., consisting in part of about

1,000,000 feet hemp tent cord, new.	3,600 Sibley tent stoves.
18,000 blankets.	800 jackets.
10,000 yards lace.	1,000 Zouave jackets.
4,500 pairs bootees.	1,300 cavalry jackets.
300 pairs boots.	5,000 U. S. C. jackets.
3,500 trowsers, foot.	1,450 great coats.
1,100 trowsers, mounted.	850 infantry coats.
2,300 bed-sacks.	700 artillery coats.
350 ass't tents.	370 vests.
880 shelter tents.	Bugles, trumpets, &c., &c.

Terms—Cash in Government funds.
Purchases must be removed within five days from day of sale.
By order of the Quartermaster-General.
J. C. MOFFERRAN,
Deputy Q. M. General,
Brevet Brig.-Gen., U. S. A.
HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

AUCTION NOTICE.
VALUABLE COLLECTION OF OIL PAINTINGS, executed by A. B. DURAND, Esq., our well-known and distinguished artist.
HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER will sell by auction on THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 5, 1867, at 7½ o'clock, at the "Leeds Art Galleries," Nos. 817 and 819 Broadway, corner 12th-st., the collection of A. B. Durand, Esq., who is about removing to the country, comprising finished pictures and studies from nature, representing various American scenes, all painted by himself, without reserve. This will afford the public an excellent opportunity to supply themselves with the works of this great artist.
They will be on exhibition free, as above, day and evening, from Monday, 2d inst., until the sale.
EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.

BY T. R. MINTURN.
THIS DAY, (Thursday,) Dec. 5, at 11 o'clock, within the store:
23 cases Citron.
300 cases new crop Messina Lemons.
60 boxes Valencia Lemons.
100 bags Walnuts, new crop.
2,000 packages Malaga Raisins.
77 barrels Currants.
40 boxes Pearl Sago.
BENJ. F. THRALL, Auctioneer,
Late Salesman with E. H. Ludlow & Co.
CONTINUATION SALE OF
LADIES' AND GENTS' FANCY FURS, SLEIGH AND LAP ROBES.
By Johnston & Thrall, THIS DAY, (Thursday), at 10½ o'clock, at their Salesroom, No. 62 Liberty-st.
ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
AUCTION SALE OF WATER FRONT PROPERTY AT JERSEY CITY—ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on SATURDAY, Dec. 7, 1867, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 59 Broadway, by order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, the valuable water front property of the HUDSON RIVER CEMENT COMPANY, located at Jersey City, near Jersey City Ferry, being 234 feet front and about 1,200 feet deep. Information in regard to the property can be obtained from J. H. BUTTS, Secretary, on the premises. Possession given immediately. Terms made known on the day of sale.
JOSEPH HEGEMAN, Auctioneer.
FRIDAY, DEC. 6, AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M., at Central Salesrooms, corner of Wloughby and Pearl sts., Brooklyn, balance of invoice of ready-made new clothing, overcoats, &c.
FRIDAY, Dec. 6, at 10 o'clock,
At the Central Salesrooms, Willoughby, corner Pearl-street, Brooklyn,
A large assortment of handsome parlor, chamber and dining-room furniture, mirrors, china, plated-ware, fancy goods, velvet and other carpets, stoves, &c. Also, rosewood pianos, furs, &c.
EVERGREEN BLUFF MINING COMPANY,
No. 44 EXCHANGE-PLACE, N

GRANT FOR PRESIDENT.

Immense Mass Meeting at the Cooper Institute.

Gen. Grant the Candidate of the Loyal Union People of New-York.

Speeches by A. T. Stewart, Judge Hilton, F. B. Cutting, Gen. Sickles, Lyman Tremaine and Others.

The public feeling in favor of the nomination of Gen. GRANT for the Presidency, which has been rapidly increasing in this vicinity for some time past, culminated in a grand mass meeting at the Cooper Institute last evening, held in response to a call from a large number of our most prominent merchants, bankers and business men representing both of the leading parties. As the first public demonstration in favor of Gen. GRANT for President it was a great success. Seldom has the Cooper Institute been filled with a larger audience, or one better representing the various classes of our population, than the one assembled there last night. A good number of ladies were present. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion with the Stars and Stripes and the flags of the leading nations of the earth. Suspended at the rear of the platform was a life-size portrait of Gen. GRANT, while in front of the speakers' desk a plaster cast of the hero represented him sitting at his ease in his chair smoking the inevitable cigar. Among the mottoes inscribed on the walls were: "The Constitution—it lives forever." "The Union—it must and will be preserved," &c. The following, among other prominent citizens, occupied seats upon the platform: Peter Cooper, A.T. Stewart, Wm. E. Dodge, Moses H. Grinnell, Marshall O. Roberts, Minthorne Tompkins, E. B. Claflin, E. H. Jaffray, Dr. Martin Paine, Judge Slosson, Judge Bonney, Judge Hilton, H. H. Rice, S. B. Chittenden, Wm. Libbey, Rufus F. Andrews, Superintendent Kennedy, Gen. Wm. Hudson Lawrence, Hon. E. C. Benedict, Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, Gen. Cochrane, E. Cayluc, Col. Ethan Allen, Hon. Lyman Tremain, Weldo Hutchins, and Gov. Ward, of New-Jersey.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 o'clock by Hon. WILLIAM E. DODGE, who expressed his gratification at seeing the large hall crowded a quarter of an hour before the time appointed for the meeting. They had come together, he said, to give their spontaneous approval of the nomination of Gen. GRANT for the Presidency. [Applause.] He had the pleasure of nominating for presiding officer of the meeting, Mr. ALEXANDER T. STEWART. [Applause.] The nomination was unanimously indorsed, and Mr. STEWART, on taking the stand, spoke as follows:

MR. STEWART'S SPEECH.

I thank you, fellow-citizens, for the honor of being appointed to preside over this great meeting, representing the industrial, commercial and monetary interests of this metropolis. The situation of the country calls for a chief magistrate of wisdom, firmness, virtue and experience, and these are possessed in an eminent degree by the great chieftain, and now distinguished statesman—Gen. GRANT. [Great cheering.] We have assembled here to-night to aid his election, not with any party, or mercenary objects, but solely to promote the substantial interests of the whole Union. The country now requires the immediate and wise adjustment of its disturbed social and political relations. In the performance of whatever duties may devolve on the President in this matter, all must feel as well at the South as the North, that if elected to this high office, all the magnanimity that is compatible with safety, will be shown by Gen. GRANT. His solid and, great qualities assure us that he is equally fitted for peace as for war, and that under his administration the purposes of the war will be accomplished in securing this great connected country for a united, free, prosperous and happy people.

At the close of Mr. STEWART'S remarks Gen. COCHRANE read a list of Vice-Presidents and Secretaries comprising the names of Wm. B. Astor, Hamilton Fish, F. B. Cutting, Geo. Griswold, Moses Taylor, John Jacob Astor, Jr., A. A. Low, Le Grand B. Cannor, and 300 others.

Ex-Judge HILTON then read the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the American people have ever been true to the instincts of patriotism in maintaining the rights and honor of the nation; and that the acknowledgment of distinguished services in the national cause, cannot fail to be regarded as a grateful duty by a free and intelligent people.

Resolved, That the brilliant services rendered by Gen. ULYSSES S. GRANT, at a period of imminent peril to the existence of the American Union, have shed imperishable renown on the American name and character, and can never be forgotten by a people alive to the blessings of institutions under whose benign influence they have become a free and united nation.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this meeting, representing all the great interests of national industry, the public sentiment of the country unmistakably indicates the choice for the office of Chief Magistrate; and that in accordance therewith, and relying with perfect confidence on the sagacity, judgment, persistent energy and unfaltering patriotism, so strikingly displayed throughout his whole civil and military career, we present Gen. ULYSSES S. GRANT as the candidate of the loyal Union people of New-York for the office of President of the United States.

Resolved, That the President of this meeting has authority to appoint twenty-four citizens, who, with himself, shall form a Standing Committee, with power to take measures to effectuate the objects and purposes of this meeting.

JUDGE HILTON'S SPEECH.

The resolutions were adopted *nem con.*, and Judge HILTON proceeded to speak briefly of the candidate whose nomination they had met to urge.

Gen. GRANT, he said, was the man above all others now living who was entitled to be regarded as the Saviour of his country. The people were willing to take such a man without pledges or promises. As well might the patriots of the American Revolution demand a pledge of Gen. WASHINGTON. We were willing to take Gen. GRANT as he is, and the only platform we desired him to occupy was that which he trod when he led on our armies to victory and our country to peace. [Great applause.]

Mr. HILTON then announced that Gen. LOGAN had been expected to be present, but a telegram received from that gentleman explained that it would be impossible for him to leave Washington, on account of his Congressional duties in relation to the impeachment question. Hon. FRANCIS B. CUTTING was then introduced, and was received with cheers.

MR. CUTTING'S SPEECH.

He said that he attended the meeting with the intention of listening and not to be listened to. He had heard how Gen. [GRANT cheers] had distinguished himself in the field, as well as in civil service, and they were there for the purpose of taking part in that great inauguration meeting. He had heard as he entered the hall that one whom they expected to be with them would not be present, but still they would not be disappointed in hearing from Gen. SICKLES. [Great cheering.] He (the speaker) was there not to represent any political sect or party, but as one deeply interested in the institutions of this land, and who loved them as he loved his own offspring. In the hours of uncertainty and gloom, almost verging on despondency, Providence had furnished us with a man equal to the emergency. Unknown to the great mass of the people, that man, Gen. GRANT, [vociferous applause,] took the lead of our army, and in a short space despondency made way for hope, and the rebel forces were at his feet. [Cheers.] Mr. CUTTING enlarged upon the unselfish nature shown by Gen. GRANT in the sacrifices he had made, and his magnanimity in the hour of victory. After having performed his duty in the field, he said, Gen. GRANT turned over that which remained to be done to the civil authorities; and had it not been for the senseless, foolish, nonsensical murder——

At this point the speaker was interrupted by the arrival of the Central Grant Club, bearing a large banner presenting a portrait of the distinguished soldier. The exhibition of the banner upon the stage was the signal for hearty and prolonged cheering.

Quiet being restored, Mr. CUTTING resumed his remarks. In alluding to the senseless murder he referred to the assassination of the President. He had no reason to doubt that had it not been for that act the result which was hoped for by the nation would have been attained. But those nonsensical fools, by the assassination, took from the Southern country the best friend this nation afforded them. The fruits of that act were now before us. Politicians began to strive to see who should outwit the other and win the game. And he (Mr. C.), during the great struggle, looked quietly on, took the field—not the bloody field—but the political one. We are now further off from the union of the States than we were at the immediate close of the war. Who was to hold the lamp to light our footsteps in the right direction? Must we look to Radicals, such as PHILLIPS and some others whose names were familiar to Copperheads to carry us through? [Cries of "No."] If we did not look to the extremes of either party, then to whom would we go? [Cries of "GRANT."] Who was the man that could break the dark clouds and unite all sections of the Union? ["GRANT."] Who was the man that by moderation, capacity and great power of combining the political elements had distinguished himself among the people? [Cries of "GRANT" and "SHERIDAN."] No party has asked to take him up as a candidate, for he filled the hearts of the whole country. [Cheers.] They would find that this "setting the ball in motion" would be the means of bringing all parties to the support of their principles. If it was the will of the people that Gen. GRANT should be the next President of the United States, he would be found as great in civil affairs as those appertaining to arms. Where he had accomplished his duty in the civil service, and had been withdrawn to his fathers, history would speak of him as first in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen. [Loud applause.]

Major-Gen. DANIEL E. SICKLES was next introduced, and was received with prolonged cheering. He spoke as follows:

GEN. SICKLES' SPEECH.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: The events of the Revolutionary War, as has been truly said to you to-night, developed the character and brought forward the illustrious statesman whose destiny it was to establish and administer, for the first eight years of our national existence, the affairs of our infant Republic. He was commended to the American people not by party platforms, not by political indorsement, but by his principles and his character, and his deeds in the service of the nation. And now, after long years of civil conflict we have seen that the events of the late war not only brought forward the soldier who should successfully lead our armies to victory, but the heart of the nation feels that in that same soldier we have the first citizen of the Republic best fitted to lead us to a happy destiny in times of peace. [Applause.] There are three who complain and object that he is a silent man—that he has not announced to the country his platform, and that no responsible politicians come forward as his vouchers to the people. But the people see, and feel, and know that Gen. GRANT has a platform good enough for them in his history and in his acts. [Applause.] But we are not left to any mere inference as to Gen. GRANT'S opinions on public affairs. On all proper occasions—when a military officer as he has been and now is, and as an executive officer, as he also is now in part—on all occasions when it has been proper for him as a soldier or as a civilian, to communicate his opinions to his superior officer or to the public, he has done so with all the frankness of a soldier, with all the candor of a man, and with all the wisdom of a statesman. [Applause.] Go back with me for proof of this to the close of the war, immediately after LEE and the rebel army had surrendered to GRANT'S victorious banner. Gen. GRANT was sent by His Excellency, the President, to the Southern States upon a tour of observation. He performed that task, and communicated in his report to the President a view of the situation in the rebel States, and a series of suggestions with reference to the line of policy to be pursued toward them, which I affirm all our subsequent experience has proved to have been wise—as I claim they were in their conception—a statement at the outset frankly spoken and courageously maintained. [Applause.] But unfortunately, gentlemen, the executive time of policy that was subsequently pursued made it impossible to carry out the wise and statesmanlike recommendations of the General-in-Chief. Unhappily for the country the Executive policy pointed irresistibly and inevitably to a collision with the rights of the people. [Applause.] I need not say to you or to an American citizen—for all have that practical common sense which gives them a better insight into public affairs than some of the pretounder professors of State craft can exercise—I need not say to you that it was utterly impossible to bring to a solution the difficult problems which this war brought upon us when the great departments of the Government—executive, legislative and judicial—were at war with each other. From such a conflict peace to the land was impossible. The plan of settlement that was initiated, known as the President's policy, was simply this—to restore what remained of the rebels in the rebel States to power. [Applause.] That was justly deemed by the people who put down the rebellion a criminal waste of the sacrifices of the war, Gen. GRANT dissented from that policy. [Loud cheers.] While Gen. GRANT, in common with the great mass of the army who followed him, dismissed all asperities and hatreds, and calmed all passions, when the rebel army surrendered, while they were willing to second him in offering honorable terms to a brave foe, they were not willing, and, if I know them, never will be willing, to abandon the loyal whites, or any loyal people in the South, to the mercies of the men who inaugurated the rebellion. [Great cheering.] And in this matter Gen. GRANT'S opinions are just as well known to any officer who has served under him, and has listened to his instructions and has had the opportunity of executing his orders, as are the views of any platform maker in the United States. [Cheers.] To proceed, Congress fresh from the people, elected under the free unrestrained ballots of the loyal States claimed to have as they rightly had by the Constitution of our fathers, the right to prescribe the terms on which the rebel States which had renounced their allegiance should be again recognized in their seats in the Senate and House, and the terms on which they should be permitted to participate in the affairs of the Republic—Congress, I say, after mature deliberation, embodied their judgment in what is known as the Constitutional Amendment, originally introduced by Senator HOWARD. That proposition of peace and amity and amendment was tendered to the South by the votes of two-thirds of the Representatives of the people. It was ratified by three-fourths of the loyal States that put down the rebellion. It was rejected by the South, and they rue it now and repent it. But so it was; it was rejected. It was denounced by the Executive and his cabinet; but it was sustained, recommended and indorsed by GRANT. [Loud cheering.] But I say to you here to-night words based upon many opportunities for observation at the south—that if the Executive had aided by his influence and sustained by his power that proposition of peace and amity the settlement thus made by Congress would have been had peace and tranquility at the present time. [Cheers.] It was not in the power of the Executive to defeat the Constitutional Amendment in Congress or in the loyal States, but it did prove to be in his power to prevent a single rebel State from accepting it. But it was perfectly well-known to all in Washington and to all who had the opportunity at any time to know Gen. GRANT'S sentiments when that amendment was pending, not only that he earnestly and frankly advised the Southern States to accept it, but that all the weight of his influence was earnestly and repeatedly exercised with the Executive to induce him to forbear his fatal opposition to that measure of peace. [Applause.] What next? The first overture of Congress, as we have seen, was refused. And here let me pause an instant to say that history may be challenged to furnish another illustration of equal magnanimity on the part of a conquering power to a subjugated foe. In the Constitutional Amendment there is no word of confiscation; there is no decree of pains and penalties and punishments; there is no demand for atonement for the tens of thousands of lives and the countless treasure that were required to overcome the great crime of the rebellion. No. Proving equal to all the higher impulses that the occasion demanded, quieting the passions that had been so recently enkindled in the breast of the fr. e loyal North, dismissing all thought of indemnity for the past, exacting only security for the future, Congress prescrib d the terms on which all the rebel States might be again restored to the Union, leaving to them the just measure of control over their local affairs, including the entire question of suffrage, trusting wholly to their magnanimity and sense of justice as to the treatment that hereafter should be dealt to the loyal men in the rebel States, white and black—and herein incoming responsibility to history and to the loyal people of the North, the West, and the East, not easy to measure Congress waiving all considerations, I say, except the single one of security for the future—simply imposing conditions in accordance with such considerations upon certain men who had taken a solemn oath, before Almighty God, forever to bear faithful allegiance to the United States and obey its Constitution and laws—who had taken that solemn oath upon themselves, and then before heaven, with perjury, had taken up arms to destroy the Government they had sworn to uphold; with that single reservation, disfranchising those men who, by deliberate perjury, had proved themselves for their day and generation unfit for public trust—Congress said with that restriction: "We waive all, all else, and will shake hands with you and call you brothers once more." [Cheers.] This was denounced by the Executive and his Cabinet, and under h s influence and advice rejected by the rebel States. What next? Congress, bound by public opinion, bound by a sense of duty, was driven to one or three alternatives: Either to yield to the Southern demand that the rebel States should be entirely relinquished to the unrestricted control of those who not only seceded, but those who originated and led the rebellion; or, secondly, that they must have the Southern States that had been the theatre of war indefinitely under military government. The third alternative was that Congress itself should assume the responsibility and take the initiative of passing an enabling act by which society and government could be again organized in those States where the rebellion had produced anarchy, and thus give to the people there the means of protecting themselves and giving to the loyal States of the Union a perpetual guarantee for the allegiance and loyalty of the rebel States. [Applause.] You have been under what embarrassment and difficulties, resulting from many sources, that plan of reconstruction has been conducted, but you have seen this, also: that while it has encountered the almost irresistible power, patronage and influence of the Executive, it has never for a moment lacked the steady, loyal, faithful support of the General-in-Chief of the armies. [Cheers.] Passing any reference to myself, except to take this occasion to express my appreciation and gratitude for the support so steadily given to me while in command on the Carolinas, amid all the trying difficulties of that position, let me for illustration of what I have just said, point you to the manly, soldierlike, true friendship and devotion to duty, manifested in the struggle made by the gallant SHERIDAN. [Loud cheering and waving of hats and handkerchiefs.] There was SHERIDAN sent to New-Orleans with a handful of men to control the turbulent elements of Louisiana and Texas; to restore order out of anarchy, to bring an unwilling people to a sense of allegiance to our flag and Constitution and laws; to extend the hand of protection to the helpless negro, whom we had emancipated and whom we had called a freedman, but to whom we had given no means to protect his freedom or his franchise; obliged to shelter from persecution and tyranny and outrage the loyal whites; compelled to afford security to Northern capitalists who had gone down there in the confidence that an American citizen protected by the General-in-Chief, unhappily for the country the Executive policy pointed irresistibly and inevitably to a collision with the rights of the people. 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[Cheers.] To proceed, Congress fresh from the people, elected under the free unrestrained ballots of the loyal States claimed to have as they rightly had by the Constitution of our fathers, the right to prescribe the terms on which the rebel States which had renounced their allegiance should be again recognized in their seats in the Senate and House, and the terms on which they should be permitted to participate in the affairs of the Republic—Congress, I say, after mature deliberation, embodied their judgment in what is known as the Constitutional Amendment, originally introduced by Senator HOWARD. That proposition of peace and amity and amendment was tendered to the South by the votes of two-thirds of the Representatives of the people. It was ratified by three-fourths of the loyal States that put down the rebellion. It was rejected by the South, and they rue it now and repent it. But so it was; it was rejected. It was denounced by the Executive and his cabinet; but it was sustained, recommended and indorsed by GRANT. [Loud cheering.] But I say to you here to-night words based upon many opportunities for observation at the south—that if the Executive had aided by his influence and sustained by his power that proposition of peace and amity the settlement thus made by Congress would have been had peace and tranquility at the present time. [Cheers.] It was not in the power of the Executive to defeat the Constitutional Amendment in Congress or in the loyal States, but it did prove to be in his power to prevent a single rebel State from accepting it. But it was perfectly well-known to all in Washington and to all who had the opportunity at any time to know Gen. GRANT'S sentiments when that amendment was pending, not only that he earnestly and frankly advised the Southern States to accept it, but that all the weight of his influence was earnestly and repeatedly exercised with the Executive to induce him to forbear his fatal opposition to that measure of peace. [Applause.] What next? The first overture of Congress, as we have seen, was refused. And here let me pause an instant to say that history may be challenged to furnish another illustration of equal magnanimity on the part of a conquering power to a subjugated foe. In the Constitutional Amendment there is no word of confiscation; there is no decree of pains and penalties and punishments; there is no demand for atonement for the tens of thousands of lives and the countless treasure that were required to overcome the great crime of the rebellion. No. Proving equal to all the higher impulses that the occasion demanded, quieting the passions that had been so recently enkindled in the breast of the fr. e loyal North, dismissing all thought of indemnity for the past, exacting only security for the future, Congress prescrib d the terms on which all the rebel States might be again restored to the Union, leaving to them the just measure of control over their local affairs, including the entire question of suffrage, trusting wholly to their magnanimity and sense of justice as to the treatment that hereafter should be dealt to the loyal men in the rebel States, white and black—and herein incoming responsibility to history and to the loyal people of the North, the West, and the East, not easy to measure Congress waiving all considerations, I say, except the single one of security for the future—simply imposing conditions in accordance with such considerations upon certain men who had taken a solemn oath, before Almighty God, forever to bear faithful allegiance to the United States and obey its Constitution and laws—who had taken that solemn oath upon themselves, and then before heaven, with perjury, had taken up arms to destroy the Government they had sworn to uphold; with that single reservation, disfranchising those men who, by deliberate perjury, had proved themselves for their day and generation unfit for public trust—Congress said with that restriction: "We waive all, all else, and will shake hands with you and call you brothers once more." [Cheers.] This was denounced by the Executive and his Cabinet, and under h s influence and advice rejected by the rebel States. What next? Congress, bound by public opinion, bound by a sense of duty, was driven to one or three alternatives: Either to yield to the Southern demand that the rebel States should be entirely relinquished to the unrestricted control of those who not only seceded, but those who originated and led the rebellion; or, secondly, that they must have the Southern States that had been the theatre of war indefinitely under military government. The third alternative was that Congress itself should assume the responsibility and take the initiative of passing an enabling act by which society and government could be again organized in those States where the rebellion had produced anarchy, and thus give to the people there the means of protecting themselves and giving to the loyal States of the Union a perpetual guarantee for the allegiance and loyalty of the rebel States. [Applause.] You have been under what embarrassment and difficulties, resulting from many sources, that plan of reconstruction has been conducted, but you have seen this, also: that while it has encountered the almost irresistible power, patronage and influence of the Executive, it has never for a moment lacked the steady, loyal, faithful support of the General-in-Chief of the armies. [Cheers.] Passing any reference to myself, except to take this occasion to express my appreciation and gratitude for the support so steadily given to me while in command on the Carolinas, amid all the trying difficulties of that position, let me for illustration of what I have just said, point you to the manly, soldierlike, true friendship and devotion to duty, manifested in the struggle made by the gallant SHERIDAN. [Loud cheering and waving of hats and handkerchiefs.] There was SHERIDAN sent to New-Orleans with a handful of men to control the turbulent elements of Louisiana and Texas; to restore order out of anarchy, to bring an unwilling people to a sense of allegiance to our flag and Constitution and laws; to extend the hand of protection to the helpless negro, whom we had emancipated and whom we had called a freedman, but to whom we had given no means to protect his freedom or his franchise; obliged to shelter from persecution and tyranny and outrage the loyal whites; compelled to afford security to Northern capitalists who had gone down there in the confidence that an American citizen protected by the General-in-Chief.